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BELGRADE — Yugoslavia on Thursday carried out its threat to sever political

and economic ties with Bosnian Serbs fol-

lowing the Serbs' rejection of the latest

borders with Serbian-held territory to all goods except food, medicine and clothing. The Bosnian Serbs have relied on Bel-

grade for weapons and other supplies dur-

ing their 28-month-old war against Mus-

Belgrade, a senior Bosnian Serbian official, Vice President Biljana Plavsic, was turned back at the Yugoslav-Bosnian bor-

Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, called on the Bosnian Serbs to dump their leaders, whom be branded "war profi-teers." He said they had jeopardized their own people and broken many promises to

stop fighting.
"That is wby we have to cut off all further relations and cooperation with

such a leadership," he said.

Mr. Milosevic, the longtime patron of

the Bosnian Serbs, had warned that ties would be severed if they failed to reverse their stance on the peace plan drawn up by the United States, Russia and European

But in an escalating power struggle among Serbs, the Bosnian Serbs' self-

styled parliament on Wednesday rejected the plan for the third time in less than a

month and called for a referendum on

Aug. 27 and 28 to endorse the decision. Mr. Milosevic, the region's main power

broker, is widely viewed as the chief instigator of the Bosnian war and the earlier

war in Croatia, another breakaway Yugo-

But Serbia, the dominant state in Yugo-

slavia, faces a tightening of two-year-old trade sanctions punishing it for its role in the war. Mr. Milosevic apparently wants to stave off further economic damage.

On Thursday, he delivered a scathing attack on Bosnian Serbian leaders, accus-

ing them of "insane political ambitions

He said the Bosnian Serbian leader, Ra-

dovan Karadzic, was "usurping the right to decide the lives" of millions of fellow Serbs

in the former Yugoslavia.

Local economists and Western diplo-

mats estimate that from 5 percent to 20

percent of Yugoslavia's gross domestic

product has been spent on military and

financial support for the Bosnian Serbian

The Bosnian Serbs depend on Belgrade for arms and food supplies. Western offi-

cials said the test would be whether Mr. Milosevie did actually seal the border.

In Washington, the White House spokeswoman, Dee Dee Myers, said, "This

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Authorities Seal

Violent Protests

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TEHRAN — Police sealed off the Iranian city of Qazvin on Thursday after two
days of clashes that left four people dead
and about 100 wounded, witnesses said.

Police officers were out in force in cen-

tral districts of Qazvin, 140 kilometers (90

miles) from Tehran, and checkpoints were

set up outside the city of about 300,000.
Violent demonstrations broke out in the

city, an important agricultural and indus-

trial center, after a proposal to create a new province with Qazvin as the capital was defeated by Parliament on Wednes-

witnesses contacted by telephone from Tehran said security forces fired at a crowd in a main square as about 30,000 people

took part in a demonstration Thursday.

At least four people were killed and

dozens wounded in the clashes, raising the

number of wounded since Wednesday to

about 100, they said. It was unclear if the

Residents said the rioters on Wednesday

Qazvin, the country's capital in the 1920s, has been a part of Zanjan province.

casualties were victims of police gunfire.

smashed windows of banks and govern-

ment offices and set the finance depart-

The city has been pushing to become a

appease residents by announcing that their

city was separated from Zanjan and joined

with Tehran province. But a journalist in the city said the announcement appeared

to calm down the protests only slightly.

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"The people are shouting: 'Neither Zan-

(AFP, Reuters)

On Thursday, the government tried to

ment building on fire.

province in its own right.

dence," he said.

Iran City After

Within hours of the announcement in

Rump Yugoslavia, comprising Scrbia and Montenegro, said it would bar entry to all Bosnian Serbian leaders and shut its

international peace plan.

lims and Croats.

der town of Zvornik.

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Hiroshima Takes Fresh Look at Why Bomb Fell

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

HIROSHIMA, Japan - For two generations the millions of Japanese schoolchildren who filed through the grim exhibits of the Peace Memorial Museum at ground atomic bombing, the message is changing just a bit. zero saw history through Hiroshima's distinctive prism, and they could easily be forgiven for thinking that World War II started on Aug. 6, 1945.

That was the day the atomic bomb was dropped, and the devastation that followed has always been presented in the museum with only the briefest reference to the politics of the era or Japan's responsibility for starting the

war that the bombing helped to end.

For 40 years the Hiroshima museum fed Japan's sense of victimization, retelling the heartbreaking stories of ordinary citizens riding trollies or sitting on the steps of a bank when the bomb was dropped, incinerating the city and sending 150,000 people to painful deaths from burns

But now, just as Hiroshima begins to think about how

"Some of us believe that when we think about the bomb, we should think about the war, too," Mayor Takashi Hiraoka said the other day as he walked through the most vivid symbol of such thinking, a new museum.

Connected to the old one by a skywalk, it is meant to fill

Hiroshima's historical amnesia about the days before the bombing, describing in uncomfortable detail the city's role in the war effort.

"The world is changing," he said, "and so perhaps should our view of history."

Mr. Hiraoka's view and the museum project he pressed after taking office four years ago are not popular with

everyone here. Japanese rightists have long opposed mixing the history of the war with the Hiroshima bombing. Mr. Hiraoka's predecessor as mayor, Takeshi Araki. who died recently, held the view that exhibits about Japan's war of aggression in Asia would only dilute Hiroshima's symbolism.

But through a painful chipping away at the consensus. Mr. Hiraoka, a former journalist, began to win over supporters. And when the new museum opened in June, residents discovered a city from the time before the bombing that most of them had never known existed.

It was a city in which factories had been converted to build military hardware and where the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries shipyard turned out the country's giant war-

There are vivid photographs of the Koreans and Chi-See WAR, Page 8

Belgrade Breaks Off Ties to Bosnia Serbs; **Borders Are Closed**

Lift Arms Ban War Profiteers

WASHINGTON — Issuing a fresh threat to the Bosnian Serbs, the Clinton administration warned Thursday that the United States might defy the international arms embargo in Bosnia despite objections from U.S. allies.

keepers to attack.

But Mr. Panetta said in an interview with CNN that Washington could act alone to lift the embargo "if we don't get agreement with regards to the divisions that were agreed to by the Bosnians, by the Muslims, if we don't get agreement by the Serbs and they continue to fight this is-

The international peace plan would divide Bosnia roughly evenly between the Serbs and the Muslim-Croatian coalition. The White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, said the United Sates in the next few days would resume negotiations at the United Nations on reinforcing sanctions on the Bosnian Serbs and possibly lifting the arms embargo. She said that lifting the embargo without the backing of U.S. allies would be a last resort, "but the pressure may build to the point that we are

to Yugoslavia's announcement that it was cutting off all ties with the Bosaian Serbs.

indicated they were willing to do that, but I think we'll watch and see if that border actually seals up."

neva urged strict enforcement of Bel-

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7 Islamic Activists Seized in France

PARIS (Reuters) - France ordered seven Islamic militants to be transported to the east of the country and placed under bouse arrest on Thursday, a day after five French citizens were killed by suspected Muslim guerrillas in Algiers.

Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said in a interview on TFI television that be had ordered the seven militants placed under house arrest in the eastern Aisne region. He did not identify them or

head of the Algerian Brotherhood in France, a group accused by the police of being a front for supporters of the fslamie Salvation Front in Algeria, which

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World's Most Costly Airport

When the Kansai International Airport in Osaka, Japan, opens in September, it will be the world's most costly airport -- so costly, in fact, that some airlines won't fly there. Page 9.

The Frankfurt Opera is struggling to survive amid subsidy cuts and a bitter

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U.S. Warning: Milosevic Calls It Alone Might Their Leaders

The White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, said the United States could unilaterally lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims if the Bosnian Serbs did not agree to the latest international peace plan. The self-declared Bosnian Serbian assembly rejected the plan Wednesday, calling instead for a referendum Aug. 27-

In Geneva, Islamic countries warned that they might arm Bosnian government forces themselves unless the embargo was

President Bill Clinton had previously opposed unilaterally lifting the embargo so that the Muslims could better defend themselves. He said be preferred that the embargo be lifted by the entire international community.

France and other North Atlantic Treaty

Organization allies with peacekeeping forces in Bosnia have said that a unilateral move by the U.S. would expose the peace-

forced to take that step."

The White House also reacted positively but it said it wanted to see action, not just

"We've been urging Scrbia for a long time to stop resupplying the Bosnian Serbs," Ms. Myers said. "They've sort of

Islamic foreign ministers meeting in Ge-See BOSNIA, Page 8

FRANK 100 Zabidi Mohammad, legal adviser of the Al'Airpan secc. vowing Thursday outside Kuala Lumpur's High Court to take action against the government. Page 8.

Those Who Return to Rwanda Risk Death, Hutu Say

By Raymond Bonner

New York Times Service

KADUHA, Rwanda — For weeks, tens
of thousands of Hutu, forced from their
bomes by the war, have been struggling to survive bere in one of the harshest regions of Rwanda, selling cattle and clothes to buy small amounts of food and receiving minimal assistance from the international relief community.

Recently, bearing from the new government in Kigali that it was safe to go home, some have tried. And now they are coming back to the wretched refugee camps with

reports that some Hum returning to their villagers are being killed, by Tursi villagers and soldiers of the Rwanda Patriotic Front military base about a half-mile away.

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that is now the government.

"I saw so many dead bodies," said
Charles Murera, 43, who had escaped from a mud brick house where he had been detained by soldiers along with 10 other

Mr. Murera, who returned to Kaduha on Thursday, said that be had been seized as he entered his village of Gisare, in the district of Ntogwe, by six Tutsi who tied

shirt to show festering scabs on the inside of his cibows on both arms. He said the wounds were caused by the ropes.

Other Hutu men and women in this remote refugee camp in the hills in south-western Rwanda, where the French bave established a security zone, told similar accounts of men being tied up and led away by Patriotic Front soldiers, and of women and children being killed when

"I saw with my own eyes. I am not telling lies," said Louis Nywandi, who made a partial list of the women, children and men who he said were killed in his village at the end of July. His father was among them. "I wit-

nessed with my own eyes. They beat him on the head with a hoe." Mr. Nywandi said that the soldiers

rounded up a large group of men. "They tied us with ropes, like this," Mr. Nywandi See RWANDA, Page 8

On a Continent of Chaos, a Success Story Zimbabwe Dodges the Disintegration Common Across Africa

By Keith B. Richburg
Washington Post Service

HARARE Zimbabwe — Ask taxi driver James Magora what 14 years of black rule in Zimbabwe have meant for him, and he proudly points to new buildings under construction that are changing this capital's skyline. Then the conversation turns

"Before independence, we couldn't mix with whites," he said.
"Now we mix with them. We eat with them. We drink with

Then be paused and added, "But we don't heve any money."
Mr. Magora, a 59-year-old father of 10 who lost a son fighting
in the guerrilla war against white domination, capsulized the
state that his country finds itself in since white-ruled Rhodesia
became black-ruled Zimbabwe in 1980.

Zimbabwe's black majority has attained political power, pride and legal equality, and has done so with a remarkable absence of rancor and retribution given the long and cruel history of white-

minority rule. To be sure, many frustrations remain. Blacks still await economic empowerment. Inflation and the legacy of socialist mismanagement dog the economy, and Robert Mugabe's government stops well short of practicing full democracy. And one of the most contentious postindependence issues — distribution of land in a country where a relative handful of white farmers

owns the majority of arable soil — remains unresolved.

But viewed within the context of a continent ravaged by civil

Nigeria's biggest labor federation suspends a general strike. Page 8. war, ethnic strife, famine, disease, lawlessness and a general disintegration of nation-states, Zimbabwe's problems pale by

comparison. The country is at peace, its streets generally are clean and safe, and Harare retains its genteel civility. Zimbabwe is an African success story. "It works --- sometimes in fits and starts," a Western diplomat

said. "You get frustrated because it doesn't move as fast as you'd

The contrast of political parity and continuing economic See ZIMBABWE, Page 8

At 409 Pounds, Is He Too Heavy to Hang?

By Rebecca J. Fowler

Washington Patt Service
WASHINGTON — As he waits for his turn on death row in Washington state, Mitchell Rupe's mind is on his oversized body. It may seem a bizarre preoccupation, but his legal battle to escape the punishment is focused on his huge frame. Mr. Rupe, 39, who was convicted of murdering two women during a bank rob-

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bery in 1981, contends that the state cannot force him to face the gallows because at 409 pounds (186 kilograms) he is too heavy. Under the force of his own weight he would risk decapitation, which was deemed a cruel and unusual punishment in the last century and is therefore illegal under the Eighth Amendment to the U.S.

His case, heard by a federal judge last month, has divided the state of Washington over how to handle the death penalty. Prisoners who are sentenced to death there get to choose between hanging and lethal injection. But if they cannot decide, they

are assigned to hang. Since Mr. Rupe would not choose, he is facing the hangman's noose.

But his lawyer contends that if he is beheaded in the process, the state will violate the Eighth Amendment. This case focuses in a very grisly and graphic way

what capital punishment is all about," said Todd Maybrown, the attorney. Since his arrest, Mr. Rupe has gained 80

pounds. Although he is not permitted second helpings, he consumes 2,700 calories a day from prison meals and another 2,000 from the inmates' shop, where he is a regular visitor, prison officials said. He also skips exercise, according to officials, who say prisoners are allotted 2½ hours to work out each day.

Those who believe that Mr. Rupe deserves the death penalty describe his appeal as a transparent ruse to eat his way off death row. Ken Capron, whose sister-in-law was killed by Mr. Rupe, told The Seattle Times, "The state has contributed to his defense by allowing him all the extra calories he's getting."

Mr. Maybrown said Mr. Rnpe had al-See HANG, Page 8



By Lee Hockstader

Last month, Mr. Yeltsin paid a visit to a Moscow exhibition hall where openly racist, anti-Semitic and viru- lands. lently nationalist paintings by Ilya Glazunov were on display.

Last week, senior officials in the Yeltsin government unleashed a snarling verbal attack apparently aimed at toppling the local government of an independence-minded region 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) south of Mos-

This week, Mr. Yeltsin's envoy to the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising infuriated his hosts when he refused to apologize for the Soviet rectionists, leaving 200,000 Poles dead.

Spadolini,

Ex-Leader

Of Italy,

Dies at 69

ach operation last month.

careers in the last three years.

create a "state within a state."

Leading Russian Actor

MOSCOW (AP) - Inno-

kenti Smoktunovsky, 69, one of

Russia's greatest theater and

movie actors, died Wednesday.

He suffered a heart attack four

months ago and died in a reha-

bilitation sanatorium near

His first film role was in Mikhail Romm's "The Murder in Dante Street" in 1956. In 1964,

be became internationally

known for his performance in "Hamlet," a movie by the Rus-

of the wealthy Canadian Reich-

mann family of developers,

died Tuesday night in Israel of a

beart attack, his lawyer said.

Academic Art Theater.

Individually, the events may not seem much out of character for Mr. Washington Part Service seem much out of character for Mr.

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin, whose political style is some-Yeltsin appears to be shoring up his times heavy-handed. But viewed to-political defenses, moving to deflect gether, they suggest that the Russian criticism from the extreme right that leader is determined to protect himself has vowed to attack him this fall. from ultranationalist charges that he is reluctant to stand up in defense of Russia and ethnic Russians in other

> "He's got to throw some bones to the far right, because they're too dan-gerous to just ignore," a Western dip-lomat said. "But at a certain point, you've got to wonder how much of this is coming from the heart."

Mr. Yeltsin is by no means adopting the nationalist agenda, which includes calls for the restoration of the Russian empire on the territory of the former Soviet Union.

His government has balked at a currency merger with impoverished Be-Army's delay in entering Warsaw as larus, suggesting that economic sense Germans beat down the Polish insurtriumphed over nationalist appetites. And only last week, he agreed to sia Russia for Russians."

withdraw Moscow's remaining 2,000 troops from Estonia, a move that ensures all Russian forces will have departed from the three Baltic republics by the end of August, satisfying Washington and European leaders.

Yet, on other issues where the political price is apparently modest, he seems willing to play to nationalist, even chauvinistic, public opinion.

For liberals who once thought of Mr. Yeltsin as their darling, perhaps the most disconcerting example was the president's tour last month, with journalists in tow, of a Moscow exhibi-tion of the works of Ilya Glazunov.

Russians. They are depicted as strong, brave and ready with a rifle. The villains are blacks, Jews and ethnic miby Chechens led to a shootout that left
brutality, hoping the Poles would be
several hostages dead, the Kremlin lost
incapable of resisting when the Red norities. His slogan is "Glory to Rus-

the Communist Party leader, Gennadi Zyganov — not the sort of political company Mr. Yeltsin usually keeps.

Last week, a number of high-ranking Russians denounced Chechnya, a small, predominantly Muslim republic in the Caucasus, near the Caspian Sea, which declared its independence from Russia in 1991.

Chechnya's self-proclaimed independence has gone unrecognized, and for most of the past three years — with Mr. Glazimov bills himself as a su- the exception of a brief military interper-patriot, but anywhere else - cer-vention in 1992 - Moscow has igtainly in the West - he would be noted the breakaway region, despite considered a hate-monger. The protag- allegations that it has become a center onists of Mr. Glazunov's paintings are of organized crime, kidnapping and narcotics smuggling.

its temper and made it clear it would Army took Warsaw.

planning to invade the tiny republic.

Moscow denies this. Although Mr. Yeltsin so far has left the denunciations to his senior aides, the get-tough stance could placate nationalists who say Moscow has allowed its far-flung, independence-minded regions too much leeway.

The Kremlin's refusal to apologize for the Soviet Army's delay in liberating Warsaw 50 years ago is also likely to go down well with nationalists. sion of the Warsaw Uprising was at least tacitly supported by Staim, whose troops waited for two months just out-

tion went on.

Paris Fears

Lax Policy On Algeria

Radicals

PARIS - The interior minis

ter of France accused Britain.

Germany and the United States

on Thursday of harboring Alge-rian Muslim tundamentalists and dismissed the notion that Islamic moderates could come

to power in the North African

Interior Minister Charles

Pasqua was speaking a day after

suspected Muslim guerrillas shot and killed five French gov-

ernment employees at a French Embassy housing compound in

Mr. Pasqua said that Paris was vigilant in cracking down

ny and the United States had

Fifty-six foreigners, includ-

ing 15 French nationals, have been killed in civil strife in Al-

geria since the Islamic Armed Group last year gave foreigners

a month to leave the country.

Frenchmen - three paramili-

tary gendarmes and two consul-

ar officials — were being flown to Paris on Thursday.

No one has claimed responsi

where about 70 embassy staff

Mr. Pasqua said that, while

the Algerian government was "not a model of democracy," it

was "rubbish" to think that Is-

lamic moderates might take

He was commenting on a

statement by President Zine

Abidine ben Ali of Tunisia, who

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WORLD BRIEFS

The opening of the exhibit was attended by Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, Dzkokhar Dudayev.

Chechnya officials accuse Russia of JERUSALEM (Combined Dispatches) — In a highly unusual chechnya officials accuse Russia of JERUSALEM (Combined Dispatches)

JERUSALEM (Combined Dispatches) — In a highly unusual move, the Israeli Army acknowledged bombing a civilian target and killing innocent people Thursday during an air raid on guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon. It apologized for the error. Lebanese security sources said 10 civilians were killed in the raids, including four children. The raids were the first since Israel threatened a "painful response" last week after guerrilla attacks

on its troops in southern Lebanon. While Lebanese officials have often accused Israel of harming civilians in attacks, Israel has rarely made such an acknowledgment. It usually has blamed its enemies for causing civilian casualties by putting bases near populated areas. (AP, Renters)

For many Poles, it is an article of German Army Lists Neo-Nazi Cases faith that the Nazis bloody suppression of the Comman Army has investigated

BONN (Reuters) — The German Army has investigated 23 cases of neo-Nazi behavior in its ranks so far this year, a spokesman for the Defense Ministry said Thursday.

The spokesman added that about 50 cases were investigated in 1993, a slight drop from more than 60 in the previous year. Germany's Monitor television program reported Thursday that army recruits in a brigade regarded as suitable for eventual deployment in United Nations missions had been forced by a superior to sing a banned Nazi song while they marched. The incident is being investigated.

Spain Fishermen Draw U.K. Protest

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain protested to Spain on Thursday over attacks by Spanish fishermen on British trawlers in the Bay of Biscay in a dispute over tuna fishing. The Spanish accuse British fishermen of using nets longer than authorized by European

Union regulations.

Two British trawlers have been attacked in the past 24 hours, with angry Spanish fishermen surrounding the craft far out at sea and enting their tuna nets, a fishermen's spokesman said.

Britain sent a gunboat to the area Thursday and issued a diplomatic protest to the Madrid government, saying Spanish fishermen must not be allowed to "improperly harrass" British fishermen must not be allowed to "improperly harrass" British crews. "We made it clear that any such action should be prevented by the Spanish and any offenders dealt with appropriately," the Foreign Office said.

Corrections

A caption in editions of July 19 incorrectly explained an Agence France-Presse photograph of a woman kissing her brother's tomb-stone in Sarajevo. As the symbol of moon and star on the tombstone showed, both the woman and her brother should have been identified as Muslims, not Serbs.

Because of an editing error, an article in Wednesday's editions incorrectly characterized Samsung Co.'s automobile activities. The company's planned partnership with Nissan Motor Co. has not yet begun.

TRAVEL UPDATE

on fundamentalist activities on its soil, but that Britain, Germa-French Air-Control Slowdown Ends failed to act when tipped off about similar activities within

urlines at an end, air controllers in southeastern France voted

want to be ostracized by society," said Pierre Bossy, head of the regional controllers union, Earlier, 27 of the 43 airlines using the The Aix-en-Provence center controls all commercial domestic

and international flights over southeastern France. Controllers aggravating delays typical during the summer holiday period.

announced measures to in- closed Friday because of a one-day work stoppage by Culture

Greek air traffic controllers, whose five-month go-slow over pay and benefits has caused long delays, now warn that they cannot guarantee the safety of flights. The union said in a statement that "the safety level of flights is at a critical point."

(AP)

in Los Angeles after the end of a strike by Metropolitan Transit Authority mechanics.



Yasser Arafat sitting at his desk Thursday in Gaza, where he is urgently seeking aid for the cash-poor Palestinian areas.

A PLO Guerrilla's Widow Returns to Gaza

By Joel Greenberg New York Times Service

GAZA - At sunrise on the first day of July, Intissar Wazir rode across the Allen-by Bridge from Jordan into the West Bank calls Palestine after more than 30 years. Then Mrs. Wazir - widow of Khalil

sian director Grigori Kozintsev. Mr. Smoktunovsky was the Wazir, the late military chief of the PLO, lead actor in the Leningrad who is believed to have been killed by (now St. Petersburg) Bolshoi Israeli commandos — traveled through Is-Drama Theater and Moscow's rael to her native city of Gaza with an Israeli escort. David Reichmann, 34, a scion

Her once unthinkable journey was overshadowed that day by the arrival in Gaza of Yasser Arafat, but it was no less a sign of the sweeping changes brought about by the accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization

Sol Adler, 85, the U.S. Trea-For many Palestinians, Mrs. Wazir, 52, sury Department's representa-tive to China during World War is a living monument to her husband, who was killed six years ago and is revered here II and a translator of Mao's works, died Thursday of lung as the architect of the "armed struggle"

Mr. Wazir, who was known as Abu Jihad, directed raids and terrorist attacks on Israel, and, before his assassination, he guided a Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories from his headquarters in with Mr. Arafat, he remained his deputy and confidant for three decades.

Mr. Arafat paid tribute to Abu Jihad by appointing Mrs. Wazir the minister of social affairs in his provisional government, making her the only woman in the Palestinian National Authority for Gaza and Jericho. She says she was the first woman to join Fatah, in 1959, and, in recent years, she has been in charge of PLO financial aid to families of Palestinians killed and wounded in the conflict with Israel.

Back in Gaza for the first time since 1963, when she left to join her husband in Algeria, Mrs. Wazir sat in a living room with some of her children, surrounded by portraits of her husband. She spoke without rancor about Israel and its people.

"I hope we can live together in peace," she said, "We've turned over a new leaf."

Mrs. Wazir, who witnessed the killing of bility for the shooting, in which her husband by gummen who burst into their home in Tunis, said memories of past gunnen drove a booby-trapped live. The bomb, timed to go off half an hour later, was defused.

"I'm looking to the future, and I don't want the tragedy to continue," she said.
"We need peace for both Israeli and Palestinian children, so other families won't have to go through what we did. The two peoples can build strong ties after we achieve our rights."

She got her first glimpses of modern Israel on the drive from Jericho to Gaza, and then again a few days later on a trip to Nazareth for the funeral of an Israeli Arab member of Parliament. mentalist guerrillas to operate freely in their countries in the

"It's a very beautiful country," she said. Great efforts were made to raise it to such a high level of civilization. I hope we can live with each other."

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, France (AP) - With the patience of

Thursday to stop their work slowdown and ease the delays crippling vacation traffic.

We're conscious of having caused problems for air transport users, we're sensitive to the problems of vacationers, and we don't

Nice airport demanded that civil aviation authorities intervene to end the dispute, which was costing the carriers millions of dollars. The bodies of the five

> there struck from July 22 to July 24, causing flight delays of several hours. They had since worked 32 instead of 36 hours. Archaeological sites and museums around Greece were to be

The French government also Ministry employees. A disease that causes fatal convolsions has killed at least \$5 of

the 3,000 lions in Tanzania's Serengeti Park since March. The disease, called canine distemper virus, has caused concern about the East African country's tourism industry, which brings in about 120 million annually A strike by 70 flight attendants on the SAS Commuter airline

Thursday grounded most of the carrier's routes, mainly in north Norway. The union broke off talks with the subsidiary of SAS after management rejected a demand for a 1.7 percent wage increase in 1994 and a 1.9 percent increase next year. Spain has smoothed the way for a British company, Cenargo

International Ltd., to start a ferry service from the southern Spanish coast to Nador, Morocco, by deciding to make Almeria an international port, a spokesman for the Spanish Interior Ministry said.

said Britain, France and the United States allowed funda-Full hus service was expected to be restored Thursday or Friday

cancer in Beijing.

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Youths Posing as Refugees Lose Free Dutch Vacations

THE HAGUE - The Dutch government said Thursday it would act immediately to stem mor going round that you can a tide of young East European tourists posing as refugees or asylum-seekers but who are

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really looking for a free holiday with pocket money. There seems to be some ru-

get a bargain holiday in Hol-land by pitching up and re-questing asylum," a Justice Ministry spokesman said. These youths staying at reception centers are throwing parties, drinking alcohol, starting fights."

About 500 youths, mostly Romanians, have arrived at centers in the last two weeks and used the facilities - shelter, food and \$15 pocket money serious interest in asylum.

Administration Split on a Haiti Invasion Deadline By Elaine Sciolino

WASHINGTON - Despite winning the approval of the United Nations Security Council for an invasion of Haiti, the administration is split over whether to set a deadline for carrying it out, senior administration officials say. This division became evident, offi-

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cials said, at a meeting of President Bill Clinton's senior national security advis-ers at the White House. The meeting had been called to draw up recommendations for the president.

Defense Secretary William J. Perry opposed a recommendation that would a deadline for an invasion if the Haitian military leaders do not leave, the officials said. Mr. Perry and much of a week - but have shown no the U.S. military want to avoid an invasion and are willing to explore ways to

induce Haiti's leaders to leave for a justify an invasion, saying he was keep comfortable life in exile.

But Deputy Secretary of State Strobe ing his options open.

"We have kept force on the table," he extremes of the administration's thinking on how best to restore Haiti's exiled president, the Reverend Jean-Bergers. But Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, who has emerged as the State Department achief policymaker on Hai-ti, argued that offering incentives to the leaders was morally repugnant, senior officials said. Mr. Talbott was said to favor an early invasion.

In a sharp exchange at the Tuesday meeting, Mr. Perry countered that Mr. Talbott represented a strange morality. He argued that it would be immoral for the United States not to do whatever it could to avoid the loss of lives of American soldiers and the expenditure of tax-payers' money, officials said.

At a news conference Wednesday night, Mr. Clinton laid out the "fundamental interests" that he said would

said. "We have continued to move it up as an option as the dictators there have been more obstinate. But it is premature in my judgment to go beyond that now." He also said that although he welcomed congressional support for a decision to invade, lack of it would not

prevent him from acting.
"I would welcome the support of the Congress, and I hope that I will have that," Mr. Clinton said. "But like my predecessors in both parties, I have not agreed that I was constitutionally manated to get it."

Several participants at the meeting on Tuesday agreed with Mr. Perry's analysis, senior officials said. The views of the two officials reflect doesn't like boxes."

trand Aristide. Mr. Talbott is said by his colleagues to favor an invasion soon, within the next several weeks; Mr. Perry, while not

opposed totally to the use of force, wants to exhaust all other options first, even if that means promising Haiti's top three military officials that they will not he punished for their repression. In Tuesday's meeting, Mr. Perry argued strongly against a deadline for an invasion, saying that that would artificially constrain the administration's

room for maneuvering Perry felt that it put the United States into a box," said one senior administration official. "And the Pentagon

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Clinton Seems Open To Coverage Limit

President Says Mitchell's Bill Meets Health-Measure Goals

By Ann Devroy and Dan Balz thington Post Service

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton has begun lob-bying heavily for health care legislation that would cover 95 percent of the population, put-ting aside his strenuous arguments of only two weeks ago that such coverage would not achieve his "rock-solid principle" of universal coverage.

In a 50-minute news conference on Wednesday night, the president described dramaticaly different versions of legislaion pending in each house of Congress as achieving the same central reality" of covering all Americans. But he returned of-ten to legislation sponsored by the Senate majority leader, George J. Mitchell of Maine, that would extend coverage to 95 percent of Americans by

objectives that I set out in the State of the Union address and would sign it," Mr. Clinton

Complaining that Republicans "moved away" each time Democrats tried to reach a compromise, Mr. Clinton said,

"We have reached out to them."
He added: "The questions should shift to them. Are we going to cover all Americans or

Mr. Clinton defuly avoided answering some questions, such as how he could support two bills that take such starkly different approaches and appear in some ways inconsistent with what he originally sought.

"I'm not going to get into being a legislator," he said. Instead, he said he hoped the coming debate in Congress would "grip the imagination of ordinary citizens" and create a climate for passage of a bill that works, that solves the human

Even before Mr. Clinton spoke, Republicans had accused him of using the Senate version of the bill as a Trojan horse for the House bill sponsored by the majority leader, Richard A. Gephardt of Mis-

The Republican National Committee chairman, Haley Committee charman, Haley Barbour, called the House version a "no-spologies government takeover of the health care system," and said Mr. Clinton's strategy was to get "any bill through the Senate and push it to the left" once the two forms of the bill are recognized of the bill are reconciled

Mr. Clinton defended the Gephardt bill, which would expand Medicare to cover many Americans without insurance as consistent with his own original bill. Modicare, financed jointly by the federal government and the states, provides health insurance for the elderly

But his strong support of the Mitchell plan might make it



harder for House members to President and Mrs. Clinton greeting "Health Security Express" bus riders at the White House this week. The "express" support Mr.: Gephardt's bill. is a series of bus caravans that have transported more than 600 people to Washington to promote universal health care.

Altman: Latest Victim of Washington Inquisition

By David E. Rosenbaum

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — As the deputy Treasury secretary and for many years before as a prominent and prosperous Wall Street investment banker, Roger C.
Altman has been used to giving orders,
to cutting deals, to being in charge.
But this week he has been anything
but in command. He has been subjected

to a form of torture peculiar to Washington: the televised congressional hearing.
For a total of almost 15 hours, from 5
P.M. Tuesday until 2 A.M. Wednesday and again Wednesday from 9:30 A.M. until after 3 P.M., Mr. Altman was forced to sit passively and respectfully. like a small boy in the principal's office or a motorist stopped for speeding, as lawnakers of both parties lectured him, revited him and occasionally even ques-

There was no break for dinner, Mr. Altman ate fruit and crackers that his wife, Jurate Kazickas, had brought

In many respects, this ordeal was his

About I A.M. Wednesday, out of the blue, Mr. Altman, 48, told the senators: "Well, today is my son's 9th birthday. I'm a little sorry to say that I didn't talk to him today. It's not likely that be's still watching. But if he sees the tape or something, I want him to know I love

His friends say Mr. Altman is a devoted father. But to Mr. Altman's critics. his sentiments sounded like a calculated attempt to improve his image. Roger Altman is, of course, not the

first person to face the political equivalent of the third degree. To take perhaps the most famous ex-

ample, 21 summers ago, the former Nix-on White House counsel, John Dean, sat in front of the Senate Watergate Committee for five days running and told what he knew about Watergate.

In those days, senators, witnesses and spectators alike smoked their way own fault. Even when he is trying to be through the sessions. Mr. Dean, who warm and helpful in his public appear-

especially when the hearings are on television. The last day of the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill hearings in 1991 lasted until 2 A.M., just when prime time ended on the West Coast.

Working late, after all, is part of the congressional routine. One or two times week, the Senate does little business doring the day and then stays in session

Just last week, House and Senate negotiators on crime legislation met until 2:15 one morning. At 5 A.M., Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., a Democrat of Delaware and the chairman of the conference committee, called the others at bome to announce that they would recoovene at 8:30.

Still, there is something unusual about congressional investigations, something almost extraconstitutional, neither legislative nor judicial, where badgering wit-nesses is in order and normal rules of

chairman of the Watergate committee. a statement.

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ances, he has a bearing, a way of weighing his words ever so carefully, that can be an instrument of give the appearance more of cleverness witnesses to testify long into the night. A legislative inquiry can serve as the tool to pry open the barriers that hide governmental corruption. It can be the catalyst that spurs Congress and the public to support vital reforms in our nation's laws. Or it can debase our priociples, invade the privacy of our citizens and afford a platform for demagogues and the rankest partisans.

First Lady's Aide Testifies

With Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief of staff on the witness stand, Senate Republicans sought to show Thursday that the first lady was far more interested in the Whitewater affair thao the White House has acknowledged. The Associated Press reported from Wash-

Margaret Williams testified that she did not recall telling Mr. Altman that Mrs. Clinton "was paralyzed" by

courtesy do not apply.

Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., who was Mr. Altman quoted her as making such

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Cabinet Battle Against 'Disinformation'

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WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton enlisted his cabinet Thursday in a stepped-up campaign to counter what officials called a "disinformation campaign" by administration critics against his health program.

"He told us this is it," said the secretary of health and human services. Donna E. Shalala, "It's time to mobilize every bit of energy we have in this administration to take the final steps to health-care reform."

With polls showing Americans worried about how health legislation could affect them personally. Mr. Clinton himself will appear in a nightly series of television ads promoting his program, and caninet members will increase their travels and

No Vacations Now for Lawmakers

WASHINGTON — House leaders have told members to unpack their suiteases and put their August vacation plans on hold. Like the Senate, the House will be ordered to stay in session until health legislation has been passed or defeated. House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, Democrat of Washington, said through a spokesman that he still hoped to take up the issue next week, but he conceded that drafting and accounting problems could force the House to meet a week past its scheduled Aug. 12 summer break. (WP)

Too Busy to Watch Whitewater

WASHINGTON — What Whitewater hearings? That is the determined position the White House is taking as it endures the second week of senior administration officials being grilled by the House and Senate Banking committees.

President Bill Clinton, officials are at pains to say, is not

watching the hearings, or even being briefed daily by his counsel. Lloyd N. Cutler, about what has transpired each day. "He's got many other things to fret about," one senior official said. "He may eatch a bit of it on the TV news." Likewise. White House Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta

"has seen maybe five minutes" of the hearings, said his spokesman, Barry Toiv.

An Upgrade for Science Spending

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration has announced its intention to increase the nation's overall spending on science and technology research to a level equivalent to those of Japan and Germany,

At a news briefing. Vice President Al Gore presented a report. "Science in the National Interest." that outlined the administration's commitment to expanding its support and

making science and technology "a top priority" in budgets, Dr. John H. Gibbons, assistant to the president for science and technology, said the U.S. government and industry together were spending 2.6 percent of the gross domestic product on nonmilitary science, and he said the goal was 3 percent, roughly the amount spent in Germany and Japan, But he added, "We haven't translated that figure into specific programs for the future."

Quote/Unquote

John Cox, a newly widowed broadcaster from Athens, Texas, relaying a message to the Clintons from his wife, who delayed seeing a doctor because his new job lacked insurance benefits, only to discover that she had stomach cancer: "Tell them that unless every person, no matter how rich, no matter how poor, no matter how middle class, no matter what color - unless they have affordable, guaranteed, universal health coverage, every other American is at risk."

Unlikely Alliance Is Blocking Crime Bill

By Katharine Q. Seelye.

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration's com-Clinton administration's com-prehensive crime bill, which last in the history of the United week seemed on its way to final States, after six years of bickerpassage in Congress, has run into an 11th-hour threat from political forces similar to ones that brought down crime bills in past years.

bill, a compromise worked out last week by House and Senate negotiators, from reaching the House floor for a final vote. The maneuvering has prompted for preventive programs, stiffer

Away From Politics

· A computerized registry of the names and Social Security

numbers of all citizens as well as aliens authorized to work in the United States should be established so that employers can check the immigration status of job applicants, the federal

e Public television has forged a partnership with 60 communi-ty colleges that will enable students to earn degrees for the first time entirely through Public Broadcasting Service "tele-courses." The nationwide program will start this fall.

• Three men convicted of murdering an Arkansas man in front of his wife were put to death by injection in Varner, Arkansas,

• Stephen G. Breyer has been sworn in as the nation's 108th

Supreme Court justice in a private ceremony at the Vermont summer home of Chief Justice William H. Relinquist.

• The Los Angeles County district attorney's effice has opened an investigation into a black police officer who was

opened and hydrigan Flispanic teenager as the youth lay defenseless on the ground.

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Potential Simpson Witness

Offers to Take a Polygraph

television Thursday to insist he fornia in 1993.

Simpson murder case went on

was telling the truth about see-

ing two white men running

The potential witness, Frank

Chinchiolo, 45, an admitted vargler with a lengthy criminal record, has told police and de-

fense investigators that he saw

two burly white men running

from the murder scene around

the time when Nicole Brown

Mr. Chiuchiolo's credibility

was put in doubt Wednesday

when the San Francisco Exam-

had offered false evidence in

L. Goldman were murdered.

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Other high-profile cases, including that of Polly Klazs, a 12tial defense witness in the O. J.
Simpson murder case went on

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mitting a burglary when he saw

"All I know is that two white

(Reuters, AP)

men left the scene of the crime,"

the two men.

in the nation's first triple execution in 32 years.

Commission on Immigration Reform has recommended.

President Bill Clinton to step up the fight for the measure.

"We have a chance to pass

ing over it," Mr. Clinton said Wednesday night.
"We are fighting them," he said, referring to what he called the "special interests" opposing the bill.

members are now under intense

A strange alliance of gun sup-porters, blacks and Republi-cans has moved to block the Democratic leadership did not have the votes to move the bill to the floor, and no floor vote has been scheduled. The \$30 billion measure would provide

punishments and new prisons. The bill is chiefly snagged on a proposal to ban 19 assault spons, a measure that was originally opposed by nearly half the House members. Those

pressure from the National Rifle Association to vote against moving the bill. At the same time, some mem-bers of the Congressional Black Cancus oppose the bill because

it omits a measure intended to protect death-row inmates from racial discrimination and because it greatly expands the in-stances in which the death pen-alty can be applied.

All House Republicans are xpected, as a matter of course, to block the bill, but they could not succeed without those who oppose the weapons ban and some members of the black cau-

Democratic leaders have been working furiously to break this alliance, delaying action on the bill while they try to nail down votes. It was this effort that Mr. Clinton joined. The lobbying on all sides bas inten-sified as members recalled the specter of crime bills since 1988 reaching the precipice of pas-sage, only to be foiled in the end, often by the gun lobby.

Inquiry by FBI Targets Anti-Abortion Violence

By David Johnston
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Setting

aside a long-standing reluc-tance to involve itself in cases of Mobile, Alabama, Father abortion-related violence, the FBI has begun a broad inquiry into accusations that the use of force against women's clinics and their doctors is the work of a conspiracy by anti-abortion

A confidential teletype was sent to all FBI field offices after the fatal shooting on July 29 of an abortion doctor and his se-curity escort outside an abortion clinic in Pensacola, Flori-

It said that the bureau had information indicating that about half a dozen anti-abortion militants might be posing "a conspiracy that endeavors to achieve political or social change through activities that involve force or violence."

groups, the teletype said.
It listed prominent anti-abor-

tion figures, including the Reverend David C. Trosch, Michael Bray, C. Roy McMillan, On Thursday, he asserted on several local television programs that he was telling the Matthew Trewhella, David truth in the Simpson case and Crane and Donald Spitz. was willing to take a polygraph All of them signed a declaratest. He said he was casing homes with the intent of comtion that supported killing doc-tors who perform abortions.

The declaration circulated re-cently among anti-abortion

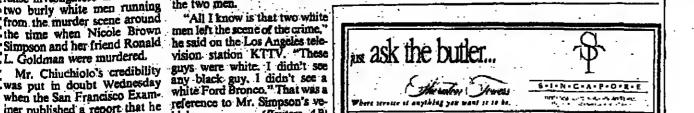
In a telephone interview from Trosch, a Roman Catholic priest whom the church has suspended because of his advocacy of lethal force against abortion doctors, denied any conspiracy.

The teletype set off the first full government inquiry of accusations by abortion rights leaders that a campaign of terror is under way at abortion clinics around the United States, a campaign that these advocates say the authorities have failed to deal with.

The inquiry was brought on by pressure from the Justice Department, the FBI's parent, whose leaders, including Attorney General Janet Reno, are supporters of abortion rights.
Notwithstanding what was

said to be the eagerness of the The evidence was volun-teered by abortion rights take it on, the investigation was an uncomfortable step for many of the bureau's senior

These officials had been wary of involving the FBI, for fear that it would be drawn into the broader ideological clash between mainstream anti-abortion groups and abortion rights advocates.





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War Crimes in Rwanda

·But Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramunga's determination to proceed with the trial and execution of thousands speaks of victor's justice. Mass trials in suspect circumstances can now only deepen the divi-sions that have caused 2 million Rwandans, most of them Hutu, to flee a country whose victorious revolutionaries are mostly Tutsi. Far better for the world as well as Rwanda to seek justice before an international tribunal under United Nations auspices. Mr. Twagiramungu believes that such a process could take too long to organize, but it need not

The world has long lacked a permanent tribunal, where soldiers as well as civilians could be brought to account for war crimes. In its absence, temporary tribunals can be established to deal with the crimes committed in particular conflicts. The UN Security Council has approved creation of an international tribunal to punish crimes against humanity in the former Yugoslavia, and a team of investigators has already developed dossiers on mass killings there.

The crimes perpetrated in Rwanda, where upward of 500,000 civilians were butchered, cry out for the same UN response. But Rwanda's prime minister wants to try the crimes just committed against his people in a national court. He cites punishment of war criminals by such courts after World War II in France and Germany as an antecedent — but he ig-

nores the more compelling precedent.

During World War II, the Allies served notice that individuals would face trial for such crimes as the murder or ill treatment of civilians and wanton devastation not justified by military necessity. This prepared the way for the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, which,

There is no doubt that horrible war whatever its defects, put major criminals crimes have been committed in Rwanda. in the dock, exposed their deeds, and established a salutary precedent.

The proscribed war crimes were then spelled out in greater detail in four Geneva conventions. Regrettably, although it was proposed, the United Nations did not create a permanent tribunal. The World Court in The Hague does not suffice; it deals with conflicts between states, and does not try individuals. What is needed is a parallel institution for dealing not just with war crimes but also with terrorists, aerial hijackers, narcotics barons and other international felons.

Lacking such a court, many nations have tried to sit in judgment on themselves, with uneven results. Argentina did try generals responsible for human rights offenses and for the lost war in the Falklands, but elsewhere (as in El Salvador) grants of amnesty, combined with estabhishment of truth commissions to document atrocities, have been a more common practice. This sacrifice of justice to promote social peace can be morally justified only when victims and their representatives agree to the compromise.

It is hard to see how any such arrange-ment can be struck in Rwanda, where courts and judges are among the casualties of a bitter civil war. The new government formed by the Rwanda Patriotic Front needs urgently now to persuade the refugees that they can safely return. The new prime minister, a Hutu himself, would further that goal by seeking a reckoning in neutral and impartial courts. A national court chosen and dominated by Tutsi would scarcely reassure Hutu who now huddle in disease-ridden refugee camps because they fear returning home to summary justice.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Warsaw Statesmanship

In the symbolism of international politics, it makes a difference who gets invit-ed to the party. The guest lists are partic-ularly significant in the succession of 50th anniversary celebrations that commemorate the great events of the last year of World War II in Europe, a continent now in the process of knitting itself back together after many years of division.

In June, the Western Allies held a huge party on the anniversary of the Normandy invasion, but did not invite either their Eastern allies or their former enemy --- an opportunity missed for statesmanship. But in July, marking the anniversary of the liberation of Paris, the Bastille Day parade included German soldiers. The tight rapport between France and Germany has been for nearly four decades the foundation of the new Europe. Now in August, the Poles have just commemorated the beginning of a heroic and doomed battle, the Warsaw Uprising Po-land's President Lech Walesa invited both the Germans and the Russians.

You will not find a more moving example of magnanimity. The uprising was one of the great betrayals of a cruel time. In the summer of 1944, as the Soviet armies approached Warsaw, their radios urged the Polish Home Army, an underarmed guerrilla force, to rise against the Nazi occupation. When the uprising began, instead of sweeping westward to the Poles' support the Soviet army, on Sta-lin's orders, hung back for months while the Germans savagely stamped out all resistance. Why? Because Stalin assumed, correctly, that the Polish guerrillas were patriots who would make trouble for the postwar Soviet occupation. More than 200,000 Poles died in the uprising, which reduced the city to a wasteland.

At Monday's ceremony, the president of Germany, Roman Herzog, stepped forward to say, "I ask forgiveness for what Germans did to you" — a simple sentence of great weight. Perhaps he had in mind another good example, the occa-sion in 1970 when a German chancellor, Willy Brandt, visited Warsaw, went to the tomb of the Polish Unknown Soldier, then knelt at the memorial to the Jews of the Warsaw ghetto. In retrospect, it is clear that his gesture was an important contribution to subverting the Soviet grip on Eastern Europe and drawing the continent's two halves back toward each other. Gestures make a difference.

Understandably, not all Poles liked the idea of inviting Germans and Russians to this week's celebration in Warsaw. President Walesa did it anyway, as an act of reconciliation. That is what is known as moral leadership.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Right and Wrong on Trade

This was the week for the Clinton administration to play tough on trade. It threatened to retaliate unless Japan reversed government procurement policies that discriminate against U.S. telecom-munications and medical equipment. And it bludgeoned Canada into agreeing to reduce wheat exports to the United States for a year while a commission reviews an ongoing dispute about such exports. The fighting stance toward Japan is justified, although the administration threatens to carry it to excess. The decision to shut out Canadian wheat, by contrast, amounts to an assault on U.S. consumers - the price of Mr. Clinton' promise to bail out Midwestern farmers whose support he desperately needed in Congress to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Government purchasers in Japan bla-tantly discriminate against U.S. equipment manufacturers, perhaps because Japanese companies bribe local officials. Whatever the cause, the solution is for government procurers to adopt open bid-ding and contract procedures that would expose underhanded deals. So far, the Japanese have refused to do so, which justifies the administration's threats.

Yet even if the Japanese were to concede on procedural issues, the dispute would not end, because Mr. Clinton is fixated on getting the Japanese to swallow numerical targets to measure compliance. has been all too willing to buy off powerful For example, he wants Japan's govern-ment to increase purchases from U.S.

equipment manufacturers by a substantial amount over the next several years. The Japanese are dead set against numerical targets, which they label managed trade.

Their resistance is misplaced; govern-ment purchases are not controlled by market forces. What the Japanese probably fear, no doubt correctly, is that if they feed Mr. Clinton's appetite for numerical targets for government purchases, he will extend the idea to areas where it ought not to apply — to private markets like auto parts. The important point for Mr. Clinton to absorb is that the meager economic gains to be had by winning numerical targets are not worth risking a trade war.

There is considerably less merit to keeping ont Canadian wheat. U.S. imports are high because of misguided policies that keep land out of production and subsidize the sale of U.S. wheat abroad. Canadian wheat fills the void. By keeping it out, Mr. Clinton would drive up consumer prices of

commodities like pasta. The best outcome would be for the Canadian wheat deal to last only the one obligatory year and for Mr. Clinton to impose sanctions on Japan only to win more open procurement procedures. But there is little reason to expect the best. In trade disputes, as well as in its legislation to institute the Uruguay Round international trade agreement, the administration domestie manufacturers.

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The Harassed Clinton Presidency May Be Unraveling

WASHINGTON — If you talk these days to President Bill Clinton's supporters, including some officials of his administration, you find them depressed. Something has gone terribly wrong.

Here is an articulate, activist president presiding over one of the most vigorous economie recoveries in years, yet his ratings go down as the economic numbers move up. The principles of his health care plan — universal coverage paid for mostly by employers — are broadly popular, yet as soon as you stick the "Clinton" label on the proposal, support falls through the floor. This seems to be the only case in recent history where stamping "Made by the U.S. Congress" on a

program might make it more popular.
When some horrible event happens, like the murders for which O. J. Simpson faces trial — many Clintonites experience a grim sense of relief. They figure that at least for a couple of weeks the media will lay off attacks on the president. In December the president was very

popular, coming off his budget and NAFTA victories and the initial cheers for his speech on health care. Then came new speculation on his love life, and the rebirth of the Whitewater story. are not sure what Whitewater is all about.

It doesn't matter that most Americans The story was a killer because for month after month every television viewer knew that "new questions" were being raised

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

about Mr. Clinton's integrity. At some point, people get tired of this. First they might blame the media for being negative, but then they start blaming their president. They just do not want their chief executive to be the subject of so many doubts, questions, rumors and jokes.

Whitewater engulfed the White House itself. It hit at the very moment when a new strategy was badly needed to get the health care plan moving. The White House's short-term, campaign mentality sent everyone scurrying to beat back this one story, and much else dropped by the wayside. Allies turned on allies as the administration was gripped by the Great Fear that scandals produce these days.

It must also be said that all these problems have been aggravated by the extraordinary level of personal attack against Mr. Clinton — and on so many fronts. John Kennedy's love life and Lyndon Johnson's past business dealings never got a going over comparable to what Mr. Clinton is experiencing. Franklin Roosevelt could be at least as

cagey in getting partisans on all sides of an issue to believe that he empathized with them, but it was seen as "flexibility." Ronald Reagan compromised much more than people remember, yet few ac-

The central problem is that in the midst of all the spin and the messages-

of-the-week, voters have lost sight of Mr. Clinton's purposes for being president. Take three areas. The lost campaign. It is forgotten that the 1992 Clinton campaign was built around a straightforward theme: govern-

ment's need to respond to fears of "the forgotten middle class." Mr. Clinton talked about programs to retrain the work force, to educate kids for a more competitive environment, to ease the transition from old jobs to new jobs. He still loves this rhetoric, and a vari-

ety of programs have been launched. But mostly they are not very visible, having been ground into small pieces by budget pressures. The fact that what was so essential to the campaign has been a sideshow to the presidency feeds the sense that President Clinton is a different man from Candidate Clinton.

The lost task force. In retrospect, it is easy to see that having a health care task force largely divorced from the normal workings of administration and congressional politics was a mistake. Much of the compromising now going on at the last minute could have been done much earlier. The task force should have served as staff to a joint administration-congressional effort. Hillary Rodham Clinton could have played the popular role of chief broker and conciliator, short-cir-

cuiting some of the vicious attacks she came under. Most important, the whole process would have looked less technocratic, focused on principles and purposes rather than on esoteric details.

The lost values. Mr. Clinton's single most effective speech as president was his address to a convention of black ministers in Memphis. He spoke movingly about racism and personal responsibility, family breakup, the moral costs of unemployment and crime. He argued that government had a role to play in solving problems, but that only individuals and communities could solve America's moral crisis. Instead of looking slippery, he looked gutsy. He did so while saying things that most Americans felt they needed to hear. Why was this emphasis lost?

The central threads of the Clinton presidency have disappeared. Mr. Clinton is said by friends to believe himself that his presidency is in peril. That is why he chose to take an important first step back from the brink with his press conference Wednesday night. He tried with

some success to remind voters of the Clinton they had elected 21 months ago.

He will need to do much more of this. His best defense against all the personal charges has always been that he was in politics to do big things. When voters can no longer see those large purposes, the personal overwhelms the political. personal overwhelms the political.

The Point Is That Congress Is Supposed to Get the Whole Truth

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Why have the Riegle hearings on the Whitewater scandal brought credit to the Senate, while the Gonzalez circus has brought ridicule on the House? Because the essence of the Senate hearings is not about the abuse of the banking system by the Clintons, or even about White House attempts to impede or wrongfully investigate an investigation. They are about the constitutional re-quirement that the Congress be

The tenor of the Senate hearings has changed. A week ago, Democratie senators were poohpoohing the investigation as partisan poking around. Now Republicans are giving some of their questioning time to the other side because Democrats are acting as members of the legislative branch being deceived by

told the whole truth.

A generation ago, Congress

and the courts came down hard on a CIA chief, Richard Helms, for doing what he saw to be his duty in concealing a covert ac-tion. In the '80s, the Reagan appointee Elliott Abrams was convicted, again not for lying but for "willfully and knowingly" failing to answer "fully and completely" about material information by a

The latest example of incomplete testimony, subtracting a significant fraction from "the whole truth," was not to protect national security but to help a friend, the president, avoid political embarrassment.

Treasury's Roger Altman plainly withheld a series of questionable contacts and heated discussions of recusal from probing senators this spring. Yet the Clinton-appointed counsel, Robert Fiske, and the Office of Government Ethics saw no evil.

The prospect of condoning in-complete testimony drew the checks-and-balances issue for the Senate: if Democrats allow a Democratic administration to make a mockery of congressional oversight today, what power would the Senate have to check

any president tomorrow?
With House hearings a national joke — die-hard coverupper Henry Gonzalez awarded Mr. Altman a "Congressional Purple Heart" — senators reluctantly showed their displeasure at having been made fools of at having been made fools of.

Mr. Altman, no ax murderer, is a political zombie. Other members of Treasury's briskly walking dead showed how a pattern of legalistic half-truth-telling has permeated the Clinton culture. Treasury General Counsel Jean Hanson, whose sworn testimony frequently conflicted with

Lloyd Bentsen's, was shown her memos and written reports of phone conversations. Five times she claimed to have "no independent recollection" of the information in the documents, but she did not dispute their accuracy.

That is a slippery lawyer's way of saying "I don't remember, so you can't ask me more about it." (I am looking at, although I have no independent recollection of, a cartoon by James Thurber showing a prosecutor saying to a witness "Perhaps this will refresh your memory" as a large kangaroo is brought into court.) The clank of falsity goes to the

top. For more than a year the White House has been saying that Whitewater files were sent from Vincent Foster's office after his death to the Clintons' private attorney. At a much praised press conference in April, Hillary Clinton was asked if her top aide, Margaret Williams, had removed documents from Mr. Foster's of-

fice. "I don't think that she did remove any documents," Mrs. Clinton answered. She said, "Mr. Nussbaum distributed the files according to [who] he thought should have them.

But Newsweek reveals that Bernard Nussbaum let Maggie Williams take the Whitewater files; she spoke to Hillary in Arkansas and was told to lock them in a closet in the family quarters of the White House. Five days passed before they were turned over to the Clintons' lawyer, who arranged for their continued secrecy under subpoena. Mrs. Clinton's answer was not an outright he; only "incomplete," intended by the first lady to mislead.

Deceiving the press with a halftruth is no crime. But willfully failing to answer fully to the Congress is a violation of law. Only a misdemeanor — but it helps proserve the American system of checks and balances.

The New York Times.

On Bosnia, It Matters That Russia and the West Stick Together,

DARIS - Russia's position re-P garding Serbia is more com-plex than commonly credited. It has also evolved, as the political situation in Russia has evolved.

It is not true that Russia is the Serbs' "ally." The Russian government finds the Serbs today a its public statements in recent days have made plain. However, Moscow has also been able to make use of Serbia in its own rehabilitation as a world power, at Scrbia's expense. Further complicating the matter is that the Serbs' situation is a factor in Russian internal politics.

Russia is not moved by pan-Slav sentiments. Bosnians and Croats are Slavs, too. The Serbs, like the Russians, are Orthodox in religion, but the resultant politities have proved slender; Christian motivation is not evident in either Russian or Serbian policy. The Russian people, pious or otherwise, have more urgent that Serbia chose to begin for its own aggrandizement.

Russia's Serbia policy is the result of internal political considerations and the shifting balance of power in Moscow of democratie and nationalist forces, and between the enemies and the friends of Boris Yeltsin. It is greatly affected by Moscow's perception of U.S. policy and U.S. motives, often inaccurate or exaggerated.

When the Yugoslav war began, democratic forces in Russia sympathized with those Serbs opposing the national-Communist Slo-

By William Pfaff represented the "return of Russia" to the Balkans.

So not evi- bodan Milosevic and accepted Other groups in Moscow have the idea that recognizing Slovenia and Croatia as independent countries would help stabilize things to concern them than the the situation. But this was also adventures of the Serbs in a war a tumultuous period when the no foreign policy. As one wellplaced Russian analyst has noted, "There was a minister of forcign affairs, but no ministry."

An important part of the political class believed then, and believes now, that Russia's longterm interest lies in cooperation with the Western powers. In Yugoslavia. Russia was naturally in a position to serve as intermediary between the Western powers and Serbia. It assumed this crucial role in 1993 - to the alarm of many in the West, for whom it

supported closer relations with the Milosevic government or have made common cause with extreme

Serbian nationalists, in order to fire nationalist sentiments in Russia and embarrass Mr. Yeltsin. Their actions have little or nothing intrinsically to do with Serbia, but are directed to influencing the domestic power struggle in Russia. There are also those in Moscow, among them people from the dem-ocratic opposition, who conclude

that Washington's policy on the Yugoslav war — meaning the rhetorical support the Clinton administration and Congress have given the predominantly Muslim Bosnian government, and Washington's threat to lift the arms embargo expresses an American aim to dismember not only Yugoslavia but, eventually, Russia itself. Here we enter the clouded zone

of Enropean, and particularly East European and Russian, political paranoia. If you argue that American foreign policy and Washington politics are both driven by extremely short-term domestic political and "image" considerations, you are not, in

Washington has a long-term program to weaken rivals and prevent the emergence of new power centers. Serbia must be blocked from becoming a major European power. Historical Russia must be broken up so as to give the United States — or Germany — permanent domination of Europe.

world Jewry, or by both in collu-

combinations of forces.) However, Russian policy today remains in the hands of people who possess a reasoned and realistic view of Western motivations and who understand that Russia's long-term interest lies in becoming a full partner in the international concert of advanced in-

dustrial states and liberal democracies. For domestic political reasons, they cannot simply en-dorse what the West proposes. Nonetheless, the role they have played in Yugoslavia so far has been constructive, and, given the limits constraining that role, will continue to be constructive. It is important that this contin-

uc. The West itself is internally divided on what to do about Yugoslavia. Americans are disposed to take a moral view, wanting to arm and aid the Bosnians, victims of aggression. France and Britain say that the partial cease-fire of recent weeks represents progress and that preserving it, while looking for incremental improvements, is better for everyone. The Russian view and the West European tend to reinforce one another.

The great danger of the Yugoslav war is that the Serbs succeed in imposing their own apocalyp-tic vision of a redivided and warring Europe upon everyone else drawn into the crisis. Thus far they have failed to do so.

Despite their disagreements, the Western powers and Russia have managed to speak with one voice. They have made some progress toward peace. But even if they make no progress at all, it is of fundamental importance that they continue to act together and take great pains to understand one another.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

NEW YORK - The tariff dead-

lock still continues. The House and Senate conferees are unable to agree. The rumors that they had settled the details were promptly denied. Sugar is the one obstacle. In fact, not ten members of Congress know the difference between mushrooms and toadstools, as far as the intricacies of the sugar question are concerned.

NEW YORK - Miss Rose Rothenberg, New York's only woman assistant district attorney, declares that since the establishment of prohibition there is a great decrease in the numbers of "wild women" appearing before the police courts. Miss Rothenberg adds: "Even some of the hardened women criminals are dropping from the notice of the district attorney's of-

fice, and we attribute this to the difficulty of obtaining liquor or drugs to nerve them for work in partnership with sneak thieves, pickpockets and burglars."

1944: Out of Brittany WITH THE AMERICAN AR-

MORED FORCES SPEAR-HEADING THE ADVANCE THROUGH FRANCE - From our New York edition: | German troops, still on the run, are reported ed fleeing from the coastal province of Brittany into the historic interior region of the Maine Whether the Germans actually are headed for Paris, and whether the Americans are pursuing them in that direction, is something that must be left to the imagination However, the primary purpose of war is to kill the enemy, and wherever the Germans flee they can expect to be harassed by our powerful air and ground forces.

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By Marshall I. Goldman should control the privatization

Russia's MMM Grew in a Culture of Rot

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — The Russians who invested in the MMM mutual investment fund are not the first to have squandered their savings in pursuit of patently unrealistic promises. Beginning with tulipo-mania in 1637, when the Dutch treated tulip bulbs as if they were nuggets of gold, virtually every country in the capitalist world has suffered from get-rich-quick schemes. The United States has not been immune. In the 1920s, thousands of speculators in Chicago were convinced that they could get rich overnight by investing with Samuel Insull in his Middle West Utilities. Musco-

vites certainly have no monopoly on wishful thinking and greed. The MMM fiasco, however, has greater significance. Stocks and mutual funds were not only unknown but illegal in the Soviet Union. So shady dealers in Russia were able to find plenty of gullible, inexperienced people ready to in-

vest in schemes promising a 3,000 percent yearly return. Even after being warned that high returns for early investors were made possible only by the financing of more recent investors, Muscovites bought shares. No wonder Moscow has become the

shell-game capital of the world. But the roots of the problem go beyond avarice and naïvetė. Russia's poorly conceived and rapidly applied economic reforms play a role. The public was encouraged to embrace stock markets and investment schemes by the govern-ment, which believed that such public involvement would further the reform process.

But this push came before there

was an effective network of com-

petitive private businesses in

which to invest. Because the eco-

nomic reforms were so poorly de-

signed, most farms remained col-

lectivized and little attention was

paid to creating a vibrant private service and manufacturing sector. In this artificial business environment, the mafia came to control perhaps 75 percent of all private business and banking activity. And the campaign to privatize the country's state enterprises often amounted to a big property grab by former state managers — "spontaneous priva-tization" it was called. These new "owners," along with a new class of financial ma-

nipulators, have come into great wealth while all around them industrial production is collapsing. Unemployment, formerly disguised, has come into plain view. Today, Moscow streets are

jammed with the Mcrcedes-Benzes, BMWs and Cadillacs of the new ruble billionaires. In America such exploits would land them in jail cells once occupied by the likes of Michael Milken.

Though Russian tax authorities opened a criminal investigation Thursday of Sergei Mavrodi, chairman of MMM, and the company suspended all operations, the "Russian Milkens" are usually safe and relatively immune from prosecution. Russia does littie to regulate financial manipulation and even racketeering. On the rare occasions when violators are arrested, they are usually re-leased quickly, with the help of a bribe or a threat of violence. Surrounded by such ill-gotten gains and seemingly effortless schemes, Russians were certain to find the

MMM promises tempting. Nor is the rot limited to the private sector. Government corruption is equally blatant, especially in Moscow. With Boris Yeltsin's help, the mayor of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov, insisted that the city, not national anthorities. of all enterprises, buildings and land within Moscow's city limits. Cynics decry this decision, see-

ing it as a giant land grab by the mayor and his friends. There had already been complaints when the mayor directed that all finan-cial transactions with the city be conducted through the Mostbank, which is widely thought to be under mafia control. In the same spirit, several prospective foreign tenants in city-owned office buildings have been

told to send half of their rents to

the Moscow real estate office and

the other half to the Swiss bank

accounts of various Moscow mu-

nicipal officials. In such a climate

of corruption, manipulation and

crime, it is not surprising that

ordinary citizens should feel that they, too, should be able to share in the wealth. Beyond the personal losses suf-fered by 5 million to 10 million investors, the MMM collapse has harmed the whole economic reform process. It reinforces those who questioned the wisdom of moving to the market; this in turn will strengthen resistance to further reform. A collapse of this magnitude is certain to spark calls by extremists like Vladimir

old state economic controls. Reformers should realize that ill-considered economic reforms are not costless. They give rise to economic and political extremes and in the long run prolong rather than facilitate the reform process.

Zhirinovsky to halt the move to

the market and reinstitute some

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these circles, taken seriously.

It is taken for granted that

(Such theories generally hold Germany to be Washington's puppet, or Washington Germa-ny's, or both to be occultly controlled by the Vatican, or by

1894: Tariff Deadlock

1919: 'Wild Women'

scrious observers believe, marked the birth of that jobless, hopeless and dispirited group we have come to call the "underclass."

for redeeming this wasted (and frequently dangerous) cohort is to es-tablish again the functional equivalent of the factory,

high-tech jobs the economists say are the wave of the future may turn out to be a very good thing for those with the wherewithal for college or technical school. But they are mostly beyond the reach of the underclass — and there is precious little evidence to support the hope that government job-training schemes will make much difference.

alent of the industrial plants that, while requiring only a sense of responsibility and a willingness to work hard, lifted at least two generations of Americans out of their poverty and turned them into productive and proud citizens.

speech last week as president of the National Urban League.

In case you were distracted by Mr. Price's warning that African-Americans avoid "the paranoid trap of thinking that racism accounts for all that plagues us," or by his gutsy re-buke of Louis Farrakhan for his antibuke of Louis Farrakhan for his anti-Semitism, here is what else he had to Pfaff erred in "America's Turn To-

to perform services valued by taxpay-intruse bilateral partnership with ers. We taxpayers all know there's Germany is not at the expense of the plenty of intrastructure work to do. European Union. It is in fundamen-Schools are crumbling. Subway and tal support of that relationship, bus stations are strewn with graffiti. As Mr. Pfaff notes, the Clinton and railroad rights-of-way are, lit-, administration has given more un-tered with trash. Public parks in cities qualified backing than its predeces-

Mr. Price, about as stannch a capitalist as you are likely to find in leftof-center America. But he is also a

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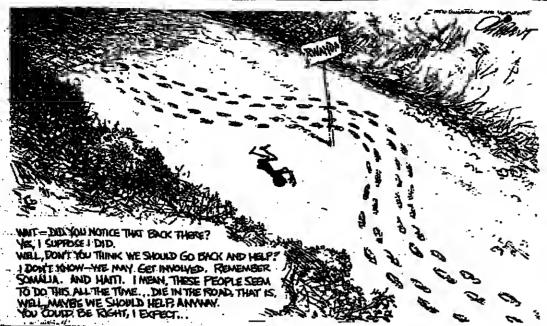
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everyone in the inner city who wants to, or is expected to, work." It is an uncomfortable thought recalling a variety of "make work" proposals from the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1940s to the War on Poverty's Neighborhood Youth Corps to the scandal-nidden Comsive Employment Training

Act programs of the 1970s.
But in these days of jobless recovcry, it is clear that the free market's "invisible hand" could use a little direction. That direction could, as Charles Cerami of the World Trade Institute has proposed, be tax-favored labor-intensive enterprises in the private sector. Or it could be along the lines now advanced by the Urban League's Mr. Price.

If the latter, it would not be the first time. There was, as he reminds us, an earlier "labor-intensive public enterprise employing thousands of marginally skilled workers who helped produce goods and services that texpayers wanted." And what was that? The U.S. military which, by the way, managed to train, instill discipline in and reshape the lives of millions of young Americans. Says Mr. Price:

"Let's elevate America's infrastructure to the same valued status and alleviate urban unemployment in the bargain. What's several billion in new public dollars invested in schools, parks and people when compared with the billions more now spent much less productively on pubhe assistance for the able-bodied, and

on extra policemen and prisons?"

The specifics of the idea sketched by the Urban League chief ought to become the subject of serious debate. But on his general notion, I am tempted to say: Mr. Price is right. Washington Post Writers Group.

Slavery Disney's Way? No Thanks

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VINEYARD HAVEN, Massa-chusetts — Imagineering, an adroit neologism, is the Walt Disney Co.'s name for the corporate unit involved in developing Disney's America, the projected mammoth

theme park in northern Virginia. Not long ago, the chief imagineer, Robert Weis, described what would be in store, among other historical attractions, for hordes of tourists.

"We want to make you feel what it was like to be a slave, and what it was like to escape through the Un-derground Railroad." He added that the exhibits would "not take a Pollyanna view" but would be

"painful, disturbing and agonizing."

I was fascinated by Mr. Weis's statement because 27 years ago I published a novel called "The Confessions of Nat Turner," Which was reached as market the condensation of the condensation o partly intended to make the reader feel what it was like to be a slave. Whether I speceeded or not was a matter of hot debate, and the book

still provokes controversy. But as one who has phinged into the murky waters where the imagineers wish to venture, I have doubts whether the technical wizardry that so entrances children and grown-ups at other Disney parks can do any-thing but mock a theme as momen-tous as slavery.

If it is so difficult to render the

tragic complexity of slavery in words, as I once found out, will visual effects or virtual reality make it easier to comprehend the agony?

death throes of an old order with

implications on the scale of the

1600, 1868 or 1945 political revolu-

tions. The election of Tomiichi Mur-

ayama is an expediency until new

elections can be called under new

electoral rules, and the fact that Mr.

Murayama is a Socialist is indicative

only of the instability of political

If there is any U.S.-Japan related

factor to be discerned from Mr.

Murayama's election, it is the possi-

bility that a Socialist was chosen

because Japanese politicians realized that the United States would

not push such an obviously unstable

government for a trade deal, but

would wait until after new elections

produced a government that was not

based on such an unworkable coali-

tion. This indicates deference,

not indifference, toward the U.S.-

coalitions here.

Japan relationship.

By William Styron

No one knows what Disney's Department of Imagineering has up its sleeve, but whatever exhibits or displays it comes up with would have to be fraudulent, since no combination of branding irons, slave ships or slave cabins, shackles, chained black people in their wretched coffles, or treks

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through the Underground Railroad could begin to define such a stupendous experience. To present even the most squalid sights would be to cheaply romanticize suffering.

For slavery's abyssal pam arose far less from its physical cruelty - although slave ships and the auction block were atrocities — than from the moral and legal savagery that de-prived an entire people of their free-dom, along with their rights to education, ownership of property, matrimony and protection under law.

Slavery cannot be represented by exhibits. It was not remotely like the Jewish Holocaust — of brief duration and intensely focused destruction - which has permitted an illu-

minating museum.
In its 250-year history in America, the institution, which so intimately bound slave and master together, could not fail to produce almost

unlimited permutations of human emotions and relationships. How would the Disney techni-cians make millions of their pilgrims feel all these things? How would they show that there were white people who suffered torment over

the catastrophe? And how can they possibly render, beyond the deafening noise and the nasty gore, the infinitely subtle moral entanglements of the terrible

war that brought slavery to an end? I was born and reared in Virgin-ia, and I am the grandson of a slave owner. I continue to be astonished that in the waning years of the 20th century, I should possess a fleshand-blood link with the remote past — that from boyhood I have a luminous memory of an old lady, my grandmother, who actually owned black slaves.

For this very reason, she has haunted my life, become embedded in the fabric of my work as a writer and helped make slavery an undiminishing part of my consciousness.

Her story, some of which I recall being told in her own quavering and

stubborn voice, would possess no appeal for those planning the wicked frisson of a Simon Legree tableau, but it has its own harrowing truth.
The drama began in 1862, the year

the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, when Union troops occupied much of eastern Virginia and part of northeastern North Carolina, That spring, my grandmother, Manianna Clark, was a 12-year-old living on a

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remote plantation where her father owned 35 slaves. Two of the slaves were girls, roughly her age, who had been given to her by deed.

She had grown up with them and played with them. They had become so lovingly close that, not surpris-ingly, the children regarded one another as sisters.

Her clearest memory was of having knitted woolen stockings for the girls during that bitter winter.

One morning a large body of Union cavalrymen, detached from a regiment of General Ambrose Burnside, swept down on the plantation. stripped it bare of everything valuable and worthless, edible and movable, burned down the outbuildings and, after a day's long plunder, disappeared. Most of the slaves departed with the troops, and the little girls also vanished.

My grandmother never saw them again. She and the family verged close to starvation for several months, forced "to chew roots and eat rats."

She grieved for the girls but her grief may have been absorbed into her own suffering, for she became a near-skeleton, and the deprivation, I suspect, arrested her growth, making her diminutive and weak-boned - though she was amazingly resilient - to the end of her long life.

My grandmother's terror and trauma were genuine, but they have to be reckoned as no great matter in the end, for she survived the priva-tion of Reconstruction, reared six children in reasonable comfort and died at 87, at peace except for her feeling about Yankees, for whom she had a fund of inexhaustible rage and contempt.

What has haunted me is those slave girls, her "little sisters" who vanished on that spring day and caused her to mourn whenever she spoke of them.

One can be certain that they had no easy time of it. Swallowed up into the legion of disfranchised ex-slaves. they had little to look forward to in the oncoming years of poverty, the Ku Klux Klan, a storm of harred, joblessness, illiteracy, lynchings and the suffocating night of Jim Crow.

They were truly, in the lament of the spiritual, among the "many thousand gone."

This renewed bondage is the collective anguish from which white Americans have always averted their eyes. It underlines the falseness of any Disneyesque rendition of slavery.

The falseness is in the assumption that by viewing the artifacts of cruelty and oppression, or whatever the imagineers cook up — the cabins, the chains, the auction block — one

will have succumbed in a "disturbing and agonizing" manner to the catharsis of a completed tragedy. But the drama has never ended. At Disney's Virginia park, the slave experience would permit visitors a shudder of borror before they

turned away, smug and self-exculpa

tory, from a world that may be dead

but has not really been laid to rest.

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qualified backing than its predeces-sors did to the EU. It is shortsighted tasks be undertaken as public-ser—European integration . . . has come vice jobs comes with difficulty for to a half. Washington believes that realist, and the reality he sees is that to become." The EU is hardly stagthere are fewer and fewer jobs for name. Together, its member states low-skilled workers (especially inhave put more aid than the United ner-city men) and that, for the first States has into Russia, Eastern Eutime in memory, a resurgent econo-rope and the Middle East; the EU is Politicians and leading econo. Maastricht provisions for a common mists are "in deep denial," he says, foreign and security policy are in whether they blame the economy's force less than a year, too short a time

create millions of new jobs to re-place the lost ones:

"The trouble," says Mr. Price, "is east ones. There is no more important out much hope for inner-city people trapped in poverty today." Nor, he noted, do government investments in job-training programs. His reluction to deliver the ideologically uncomfortable duestion of whether the market economy is creating enough jobs for the course to outside or independent of the course to which it has dedicated within the context of an integrated economy is creating enough jobs for

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It's Not Over for Romania

Regarding "A Welcome Message From America on Baltic Independence" (Opinion, July 5):

Sweden writes that the departure of the last Russian troops from Germany, Latvia and Estonia on Aug. 31 will mark the final end of World

mented in 1940, not only the Baltic states were annexed by Moscow but rabia and Northern Bucovma. These rival empires for centuries until the political situation today are the

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Stalin's 1940 annexation of these lands is today an unresolved issue. Northern Bucovina is held by Ukraine, and Bessarabia forms the bulk of the ex-Soviet state of Moldova, whose Moscow-leaning government remains in a Russian sphere of influence despite becoming an "independent" republic after the Soviet collapse. Russia's 14th Army remains in Moldova's rebel Dniester region, where Slavic separatists hold sway.

Romania's post-Communist ad-ministration, led by reformed Comminists trained long ago in Moscow, has avoided asking noisily for Bessa-rabia and Bucovina. But for many Romanians, World War II will end only when they get them back.

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Japan's Socialist Leader

American President Has Devalued Clout' (Opinion, July 14) makes some important points about the diminished international stature of the U.S. presidency in the 1990s. prime minister in Japan "drives home" the point that "cooperating with America in the time of Bill Clinton does not generate enough prestige, it seems, to justify accept-

MARK VANHOENACKER. Tokyo.

As a Japanese citizen living abroad, I cannot understand why 69-year-old Tomiichi Murayama should have been elected as the leader of Japan. The whole process was carried out by a few politicians in closed-door meetings. Japanese voters had no influence.

Mr. Morayama and his cabinet members say they will continue pohtical reform. Beautiful words. But the biggest problem in Japanese politics is the way of choosing the prime minister through closed-door bargaining, without public debate.

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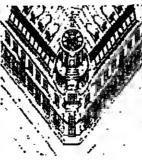
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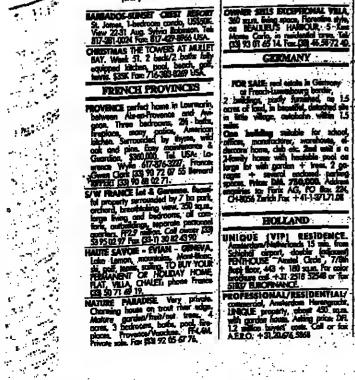
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RANKFURT — From the evidence earlier this summer, it would have been difficult to tell that the Frankfurt Opera, one of the biggest and proudest companies in Germany, was near collapse, riven by a bitter internal feud and crippled by a 25 percent cut in public subsidies over the

next four years.

Or, indeed, that the entire publicly supported theater system in Germany, which had provided for spoken, musical and dance theater with unequaled lavishness, was m a profound crisis, with politicians slashing budgets and theater administrators wringing their hands in self-doubt.

At the opening of Debussy's "Pelléas et Mélisande," the final new production of Sylvain Cambreling's first season as artistic director of the Frankfurt Opera, the triumph was complete. And it was reaffirmed by glowing reviews over the next

few days in the German press.

Nearly every famous director and conductor has tackled the impressionistic "Pelléas" tale of innocent, evanescent love and brute jealousy in the last few seasons, it seems. But the combined efforts of Cambreling 46, a Frenchman, and the Swiss director Christoph Marthaler, 43, who was undertaking his first opera, was at least the equal of any recent collaboration.

Cambreling drew wonderfully refined yet impassioned playing from the orchestra and cites his relationship with the players as the most satisfying aspect of his brief tenure. "Without them, I would have left already in the middle of the season," he said.

Marthaler, who is also a playwright, has created strange, droll, knotty pieces, vague-ly reminiscent of those of Pina Bausch, with fuller texts and cabaret-style songs.

In "Pelleas," moments of dark wit re-

mained. Cadaverous servants trainsed through the dungeonlike living room that served as the single set, picking up dead birds by their drooping wings. Arkel's palace was not a Victorian salon (Peter Brook), a dark fortress (Peter Stein), a 1920s constructivist tableau vivant (Ruth

Berghaus) or a Malibu beach house (Peter Sellars); instead, it was as if Edward Gorey had met the Addams Family.

The "Pelléas" capped a superb debut season for Cambreling, fresh from his years as music director of the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels under Gérard Mortier. If artistic distinction were all it took to succeed, Cambreling would have no problems. But opera is almost always a deficit operation, and the Frankfurt Opera is in big trouble.

Frankfurt has become the most extreme case of a performing institution in a major German city under siege. Although Germany's financial capital, Frankfurt is also its most highly taxed and heavily indebted city, and it has been hit especially hard by recession and reunification.

The ax fell last year, when city officials decreed that the municipal theaters, which include the opera, would have to reduce their overall budgets by 25 percent in four annual stages. The opera subsidy is headed from \$43 million in 1992 to \$32 million in

ERE is where the internal squabbling began. When Cambreling was installed (with no hint of an impending crisis, be insists), the structure of the company was shuffled. As artistic director, he was put on a par with the administrative director for opera and ballet, Martin Steinhoff, also newly appointed. With no one clearly often spilled into the open.

Basically, Cambreling wants to fight the cuts, threatening to resign if his artistic plans are not realized. Steinhoff wants to work within the system and force Cambrel-ing to make Draconian decisions that would conform to the reduced budget decreed by the city parliament. To cut performance costs, he envisions reducing their number. The 120 or more opera performances a season might be pared to 50.

Steinhoff has blocked all contracts until

Cambreling agrees to stark austerities, which he refuses to do.

The backdrop of this local emergency is

a general theater crisis. The remited Germany is still a small country compared with the United States, its 80 million citizens squeezed into a space slightly smaller than Montana. Nonetheless, German theater has been the envy of the world, with 246 full-season repertory companies. In the 1991-92 season, they gave about 57,000 performances, seen by 22 milling people. Of these performances, 15,000 were of opera.

Almost every German city of any size has a full-fledged repertory opera house, often with a dance company attached and a separate spoken theater offering 10 months of repertory performances.

Generous subsidies have been available on every level, especially the regional. To-taling about \$2 billion, these subsidies have ensured that any German can see a full range of operatic, theatrical and choreographie repertory performed by a local or nearby resident ensemble at affordable

In the 1990s, two forces converged to jeopardize this: the recession and German reunification. The recession depressed attendance, tax revenues and private sponsorship, which has played a small but increasingly significant role. It also augmented welfare costs, as Germany struggled to maintain unemployment, health and pension benefits. Remification cost the former West Germany an enormous additional sum, as it strove to revitalize the moribund Eastern economy.

apocalypse, relatively little has happened so far to the German theater system. Most cities and states have trimmed their cultural budgets a bit, or used the recession and reunification to blont rising wage demands.

The abrupt closing last summer of the Schiller Theater, the largest dramatic theater in the western part of Berlin, shocked many and led to fears that politicians would close theaters all over the country. Some of the smaller theaters in the for-mer East Germany, which was more heavily endowed with cultural institutions than the West, have been combined or eliminat-

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IMES - In the fall of 1878, Robert Louis Stevenson and a donkey he called Modestine set out on a 135-mile (220-kilome-ter) trek across the Cévennes Mountains, a region of soaring peaks, wild upland pla-teans, long ridges covered with Spanish chestnut trees and deep green valleys at the southern end of the Massif Central in France. Along the way he "slept rough" in a bedroll under the stars and took notes for a book called "Travels With a Donkey in the Cévennes.

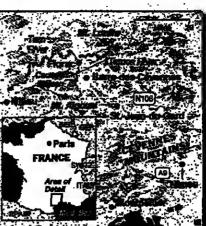
Ever since I read that splendid little volume, I have wanted to hike in the Cévennes. I knew that Stevenson's 12-day adventure cost him 85 francs. How much more expensive might a trip there be a hundred years later, I wondered. After all, the Cevennes remains one of the poorest regions in France. The native Cevenols are rugged, insular people, many of whose Protestant forebears fought the army of the Catholic French crown in the 18thcentury War of the Camisards. Today, as then, there are few towns of any size in the

In July and August the solace is broken by tourists, who come to the mountains to hike, drive, bicycle and kayak in the Parc National des Cévennes. Established in 1970 (and declared a Unesco World Biosphere Preserve a year later), it encompasses 226,000 acres (107,000 hectares) of the Cevennes' most impressive scenery, including 5,500-foot (1,520-meter) Mont Lazère, 5,000-foot Mont Aigonal and 3,000-foot Causse Mejean, a lonely lime-stone plateau bordered on the north by the great gorge of the Tam River. Myriad trails wander through the park, and it is also traversed by 12 Grandes Randon-nées, France's enviable 25,000-mile net-

work of long-distance footpaths.

In early May, after spending a week sightseeing in Paris, I boarded a TGV in the Gare de Lyon, which took me to Nhmes in about four and a half hours for \$144 round trip, second class. In Nimes I rented a Peugeot with four on the floor for \$40 a day with unlimited mileage, tax and insurance. Then I headed northwest via the N106, D982 and D6 into the craggy, arid mountains.

Three hours after leaving Nimes I descended into Florac in the valley of the Tarnon River, where the national park makes its headquarters in a 17th-century châtean. Florac, population 2,100, is by far the busiest town in the region, with



seven hotels, many cafes and restaurants, a tourist information office and at least a tornst information office and at least two sporting-goods stores. I drove on, in search of a place to stay that was a little more out-of-the-way. When I saw a small sign for the Anberge Le Boufadou about a mile north of town, I turned off the high-

way toward the hamlet of Bedoues.

At first Le Boufadou didn't thrill me, for it lay across the road from an unsightly campground and had been recently built in pseudo-alpine chalet style, with three guest rooms on one floor adjoining a result. taurant. But the mistress of the inn seemed genuinely pleased to make my acquaintance, and the room she showed me was immaculate. And when she told me the price — \$27 — my jaw nearly dropped. Dinner in the restaurant, cooked by her and served by her bashful teenage daughter, cost another \$17.

The next four nights in other Cevennes hotels, logis and chambres d'hôtes (the French version of a B & B's) stand out in my mind as one of my best experiences of my mind as one or my best experiences or rural France—not to mention my cheap-est. I stayed in three more places in the course of a five-day sojourn in the Co-vernes, never spending more than \$36 a

My favorite place to stay, where I spent two nights, was the Grand Hôtel du Parc, which lies along the main street in Florac and has a lovely garden and swimming pool. I avoided the more expensive new wing, and chose a \$25 room on the fourth floor of the old (where there was no eleva-tor) — earning a tilted nose from the

proprietor.
The best restaurant I tried was La Lozerette in Cocures, east of Bedoues, with a stylish dining room full of lilacs, guttering candles and taped jazz, where on subsequent nights I tried \$17 and \$28 fixed-

price menus.

My daily expenses averaged \$72, and I could easily have made the trip even more cheaply. Had I taken along a sieeping bag. I could have plotted a long course through the mountains, walking all day and sleeping at one of the hundred or more gites d'étapes along the trails in the national park. A little like youth hostels, a bed for the might costs about \$5 to \$10 and a home-cooked dinner around \$10. price menus.

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I fell into a routine of rising early, breakfasting in my hotel and then heading into Florac for another cafe au lait at the Brasserie du Globe on the esplanade.

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One cool sunny morning, when the fruit trees had suddenly burst into bloom, I set off on the GR 43-86, which cuts along the northeast edge of Florac, and walked north for five miles into the foothills of the Cevennes, seeking several prehistoric menhirs, or stone monuments, marked on my map. I never found them, but my picnic hunch in a field of bright yellow broom overlooking an ancient-looking broom overlooking an ancient-looking farm complex called the Manoir Issenge was one I won't soon forget.

Another day I drove along D907 at the

hase of the Tarn gorge, took a two-hour boat trip (with three other passengers and a guide) from the village of La Malène through the river's narrows for \$16, and then hiked up the steep side of the Causse ejean, a four-mile journey that took me Méjean, a four-mile journey that took me to the Roc des Hourtous, where the most dramatic stretch of the Tarn gorge spread out before me. The fair weather held, so on my third day in the mountains I walked along the GR 72 northeast of the village of Barre-des-Cévennes — a wild, desolate 13-mile circuit with smashing views of the Mount Lozère range. On the fourth day I rested tearring the region around Mount rested, touring the region around Mount Aigoual behind the wheel of my Peugeot.

HEAR THIS

 Elvis freaks arriving in Memphis for Elvis Week '94 fear that Michael Jackson's marriage to Lisa Marie Presley might turn
Graceland into Neverland. Never
fear. Jack Soden, head of Elvis
Presley Enterprises Inc., doesn't
expect Jackson to change the estate or add a menageric of exotic animals. "I am sorry for Jackson," said fan Cathy Cobbs. "I think he is in a total state of confusion."

A Taste of Ainu Culture in Tokyo

By David Tracey

OKYO - Since it is the kind of place you want to root for, you enter Rera Chise, Tokyo's only Ainu restaurant, hoping the food east be all right. The Ainn are the indigenous people of northern Japan. A long Japanese government campaign of assimilation has left the 25,000 who remain with just the seeds of their traditional culture. The people at Rera Chise are hoping to make them grow.

Good news then: The food is delicious. The service is friendly, with none of the hyper-politeness of some Japanese restaurants that makes it hard to relax. The atmosphere is convivial, with a clientele that is young, spirited and crammed close enough together to make the meal seem a shared experience. There is always the possibility of impromptu singing and dancing. Best of all, when you're finished and the bill arrives, it's economically harmless. Rera Chise turns out to be the kind of place you'd come back to even if it

didn't feel politically good. "We wanted to start nur own restaurant for years," explained the manager, Tatsue Sato, an Ainu activist who left her native Hinkkaido decades ago. Many if the ap-proximately 2,500 Ainu now living in the capital region came to escape discrimina-tion, which is easier to do in the anonym-ity of the big city. "Whenever we needed a meeting for something like a cultural event we could arrange to secure a local hall, but it's not the same as having your own space. The trouble was the start-up fees for something like this in Tokyo are so high. But thanks to donations that came in from all over the country, we could finally open up the restaurant in May."

Customers on a recent weeknight in-cluded students from the nearby Waseda University who evidently liked the beer prices, a few Japanese supporters of the activists and others who had heard about the new restaurant and come for their first taste of Ainu culture. The menu includes Japanese-style dishes such as rice : with peas found on the northern island of Hokkaido, but the emphasis is on foods reflecting a traditional Ainn lifestyle that all but disappeared years ago.

"Traditionally we ate what we could catch," explained Sato. Salmon and herring are popular fish choices from the menu. Deer and other game may be available in season. Wild vegetables called kitobiro in the Ainu language dress up beef or egg dishes, or taste good by themselves. Also worth trying are the chiporo imo, a filling mix of mashed potato and salmon roe and the tsubukai shellfish. You order a variety of small dishes to share with everyone in your party, drinking all the while, and re-peat until the group is full and happy.

XCEPT for a seriously salted grilled salmon, the dishes are made with a light touch that enhances the flavor of the food. "We try to keep it as natural as possible," said Sato. "We don't like to use any preservatives or artificial flavoring. It tastes better that way, and it's also healthier if you don't put in monosodium gintamate for flavoring."

The restaurant proved to be a hit in its first month, but Sato seems unconcerned about numbers or business results. She sees Rera Chise as part of a long-term campaign to support a culture the Japanese government has been officially neglecting for years.

In 1986 Yasuhiro Nakasone, then the prime ininister, insulted the Ainn along with much of the planet when he contended that Japan was a more intelligent society than the United States because it was monoethnic. Later he managed to squeeze more of his foot in his mouth with an explanation that suggested that the Ainu had been completely assimilated and that with his thick eyebrows and heavy beard he probably had some Ainu blood himself.

The government hasn't changed a bit since Nakasone said that," Sato said, "but more Japanese people are starting to understand us. Some young people these days are very interested in our culture."

Still the Ainu face discrimination. Many of those in the capital region have yet to drop by Rera Chise, in some cases because they don't want to reveal their heritage. The popularity of Rera Chise may help in part to change that. The restaurant also sells Ainu-related books and goods. In the future Sato hopes to promote weekly performances of Ainu songs, a key to preserv-ing their rich oral tradition, as well as

"But culture is about more than just singing and dancing," she says. "Food is a . big part of it too. When you come here to eat you can see that the Ainu people are alive. The Ainu will never die."

Rera Chise is a 30-meter (100-feet) walk from the Waseda Dori police box near the main entrance to Waseda University. Walk away from the university and it's on your right. The hours are 11 A. M. to 2 P. M. C. and 5 to 11 P. M., Monday through Saturday. For inquiries (in Japanese): (03) 3202-7642.

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Directed by Andrew Bergman. U.S. There is a miracle at the cen-

ter of "It Could Happen to

You," the blandly named romantic comedy that had the punchier working title "Cop Gives Waitress \$2 Million Tip." The original title plays itself out early in the film when the cop, Charlie (Nicolas Cage), runs out of cash to tip the coffee-shop waitress, Yvonne (Bridget Fonda). He offers to share a lottery ticket instead, and the next day wins \$4 million. But that quirk of fate is nothing beside another odds-defying event: two good-hearted people find each other in New York City. Now that's a miracle, at least in the scheme of this movie, a sometimes awkward mix of savviness and schmaltz. The other miracle is that the two stars of "It Could Happen to You" keep it sailing over a script that is often predictable and flat. Cage and



Harrison Ford in "Clear and Present Danger."

Fonda manage to do that with winning simplicity. The film is loaded with episodes that seem too flabby to have come from Andrew Bergman, the writer and director of extremely funny, edgy comedies. Although "It Could Happen to Yon" lacks Bergman's usual flash of originality, it is not nearly as soupy as last year's ro-mantic hit "Sleepless in Se-

attle," and it isn't saddled

with the tortured plot of "I Love Trouble." (Caryn James, NYT)

Clear and Present Dan-Directed by Phillip Noyce. U.S.

Taming the eyeball-glazing prose of Tom Clancy's Clear and Present Danger with the same brisk efficiency they brought to "Patriot Games," the makers of this

their work look easy. And clearly, it was anything but. No amount of exercise under the hot sun will beat the workout involved in following this story, with its dozens of locations, interchange-able-sounding character names and high-tech mili-tary jargon. Yet, "Clear and Present Danger" (photo-graphed crisply by Donald M. McAlpine and scored by James Horner) looks so lean and moves so vigorously that it actually seems streamlined most of the time. As directed by Philip Noyce, who also did "Patri-ot Games," this becomes another fast, gripping spy story with some good tricks up its sleeve Harrison Ford, making only his second screen appearance as Clancy's heroic CIA agent, Jack Ryan, has already become Old Faithful in this role, Ford brings considerable subtlety to the job of humanizing -Jack Ryan. His wary intelligence does wonders for a potentially one-dimensional character.

(Janet Maslin, NYT)

Air Passes Cut Costs in Europe

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune

ETTING to Europe from Asia or North America has never been easier or cheaper. Thanks to competition on most intercontinental routes, there is an abundance of choice with fares to match. It's traveling

around Europe that can break the budget. You can fly from New York to London and back for \$350. The cheapest round-trip from London to Nice costs \$345. Liberalization of air transport has so far had little effect on outrageous air fares in Europe, except on major routes from London to cities like Amsterdam, Paris, Brussels and Frankfurt, where innovative inde-

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pendent carners like British Midland and Air UK attack the duopoly of British Airways and the subsidized state airlines. The answer, for people traveling to En-rope, if not always for Europeans themselves, is the air pass, an idea that Enrope an and Asian airlines have started to import from North America. Air passes are one of the travel industry's best-kept

secrets, and one of its biggest bargains.
British Airways' Europe Air Pass allows
travel to more than 50 cities on BA and its partner airlines — Deutsche BA (within Germany and many cities throughout Enrope), TAT (within France plus interna-tional flights from Paris), Gibraltar Air-ways (London to Gibraltar and Tangier, and from Gibraltar to Tangier, Casablarian ca and Marrakech). Anyone fiving outside Europe, Israel, Cyprus, Turkey, Russia and other former Soviet Union countries and North Africa can buy the pass in conjunction with a round-trip ticket to

This can be any ardine, providing you start or finish in London, Birmingham, Manchester or Glasgow. You could, for example, fly American or Cathay to London and fly home from Frankfurt or Paris, You are allowed stopovers. You can buy a minimum of three and a

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(221) 221-2379, closed Mondays. To Oct. 23: "Withelm Leibl: Zum 150. Geburtstag." 90 paintings and 100 drawings and prints by the German Realist painter. The exhibition includes some works created during his impressionist period in Paris.

ITALY

Stresa Settimane Musicali di Stresa, tel: Seftimane Musicall dI Stresa, tel: (323) 31-095. Aug. 27 to Sept. 18: 16 concerts with guests soloists including Martha Argerich and Cristina Ortiz. Vladimir Ashkenazy will conduct the Berlin Dautsches Symphonie Orchester in a Brahms program.

NETHERLANDS

Attrastrocum, tel: (20) 5732-911, open daily. Tn Sept. 18: "Feder-ico Fellini: Costumes and Fashion." 60 costumes worm by actors and ac-tresses in "La Dolce Vita," "Casanoreases in La Dollee villa, Casard-va, "Roma" and other lilms, togeth-er with 25 designs by contemporary designers such as Giorgio Armani, Clainfranco Ferre, Yves Saint-Laurent and Karl Lagerfeld.

San Sebestián Quincena Musical, tel: (943) 48-12-38. Aug. 10 to 31. The program offers orchestral and choral concerts, several performances of Bi-zet's "Carmen," and two evenings of flamenco.

BOOKS

GENERATIONS OF WINTER

By Vassily Aksyonov, Translated from the Russian by John Glad and Christopher Morris. 600 pages. \$25. Random House.

Reviewed by Richard Lourie

E RNEST Hemingway made a daft and enduring remark about not being afraid to climb into the ring with Mr. Flaubert or Mr. Turgency but having profound reservetions ebout trading blows with Mr. Tolstoy. The author of "Generations of Winter" has overcome any such inhibitions, openly challenging the champion.

A former emigre, Vassily Ak-syonov now divides his time between Washington and Moscow. In "Generations of Winter," a strong and beautiful book, he has undertaken to write the great Soviet Russian novel, the 20th-century equiva-lent of "War and Peace."

Aksyonov invites this comparison by quoting Tolstoy, and polemicizing with him. There are several ways in which the two books are alike - both deal with marveinus it is, he thought, that invasions of Russia so great that women can buy silk underwear the country heroically transcends its tendency to somno- was right when he said we had lence and self-slaughter; both to crush our brothers in order are vast and epic yet intimate — we hear people's thoughts, see their feelings change like quicksilver, sense their presence, their flesh and clothes.

Aksyonov ehronicles the fate of three generations of a Russian family, the Gradovs, from 1925 to 1945, only 20 years, but what Russia and the Gradovs go through is more history than most nations produce in a century, or need to.

Lenin had died in 1924 but his New Economic Policy of an excellent contract with just limited but freewheeling capi-talism was still in effect, giving bined hands. The opening lead life a semblance of peace, plen-ty, even luxury. That lasted un-the trick, and West shifted to a til Stalin exiled Trotsky in 1929 heart, attacking South's com-and e decade of terror began, munications. Dummy's heart reaching its hideous apogee in ten won, and South linessed the 1937. And there was barely time spade queen, losing to the king. to breathe before Hitler invad-

The hero of the book is Nikita Gradov, a military man

WHAT THEY BE READING

 Coursio Spinez, the Spanish film director, recently reread his own "El Asesino Triste."

"I feel like a door-to-door salesman with the book under my arm. The book has stories about my personal world and imagination and among them is a tale inspired by 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." (Al Goodman, IHT)

made the mistake of challeng-

ing those in power. Gradov's

conscience is more twisted and

sarcastic than any 19th-century

hero's would be, as is made

clear in this scene with his wife:

tenderness and a sensuous at-

traction seemed to crowd out

the gloom of Kronstadt. How

"As he kissed her shoulders,



the part he played in suppressing the uprising of the sailors on for the Russian state to be reborn?" Kronstadt Island, an event that would in time become synonycommunism. The sailors were the reddest of the red, but had

> vivid scenes of love and battle. suffering and humor, this parulcular scene fails doubly. There of history and three generations may be a theraputic value for of a family's life. Russian writers, and readers, in venting their justified hostility for Stalin, but it does not pro- Andrei D. Sakharov's "Mem-

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But soon enough such scruples would prove as luxurious mous with disillusionment with as his wife's silks; Gradov is arrested and sent to the Gulag where survival is all. Meanwhile, bis father, a famous surgeon, is called to the Kremlin tn examine Stalin. In a narrative thronged with

> duce great art and is the reason oirs" and the author of "Hunting Russian literature still facks a the Devil," a true crime account living image of the man.

does not depend on devices ---silly poetical asides where Lenin is reincarnated as a squirrel. the deted but useful insertion of press clippings, the dated and not very useful hebit of addressing the reader directly. In fact, what makes this book

he trusts his own powers and

truly modern is the fusion of old-fashinned narrative with the convolutions of 20th-century reality; the irony flows naturally for, in a Soviet epic, as in Soviet life, peace is worse and more dangerous than war. Some flaws and minor quib-

bles aside, "Generations of Winter" is a major novel. Pas-ternak's "Doctor Zhivago" de-Dicted the Revolution and the early years of communism, Solzhenitsyn's "First Circle" centered on the Gulag under Stalin. but Aksyonov, possibly invigorated by the distance suddenly provided by the demise of for-mer Soviet Union, has succeeded in illuminating the entire Soviet experience by concentrating nn two criocal decades

Richard Lourie, translator of of a Russian serial killer, wrote Aksyonov is at his best when this for The Washington Post,

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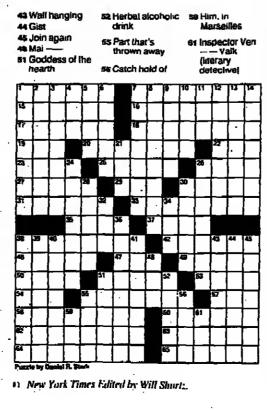
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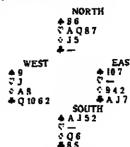
By Alan Truscott THE diagramed deal was

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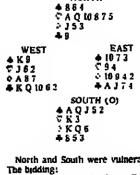
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RIB IND

By Michael Richardson nal Herald Tribune

KUALA LUMPUR - Southeast Asian countries, wary of allowing religion and politics to mix, will take coordinated measures against Muslim movements that threaten the region's political stability or

religious harmony, officials said Thursday. Malaysia, where Islam is the official religion, is expected to issue a ban Friday on the teachings and activities of Al Arqam, a Muslim missionary movement that has used Malaysia as a base for expansion into other parts of Southeast Asia.

Analysts said that countries in the region, all of which have multireligious populations, were concerned that any form of Islamic extremism would cause divisions among Muslims and alarm non-Muslims, including the influential Chinese.

Malaysian officials have accused Al Arqam, which claims to have 100,000 followers in Malaysia and many more elsewhere in Asia, of planning to gain political power and turn the country into an Islamic state modeled after Iran.

The sect believes that a great Muslim reformer will soon appear, heralding an Islamic revival in East Asia.

Tarmizi Taher, the Islamic affairs minister of Indonesia, said his country, where

more than 85 percent of the population of 185 million are Muslims, was "seriously considering" banning Al Arqum.

He was attending a meeting of South-east Asian ministers and officials in charge of religious affairs on the Malaysian island of Langkawi.

In comments in Jakarta, Mr. Tarmizi described Al Argam as a "tendentious" political force that could "poison the spirit of Islamic bonds, especially among the younger generation in Indonesia."

Brunei banned the sect in 1991, and both Singapore and Thailand recently ordered Abuya Ashaari Muhammad, Al Argam's leader, to leave their territory.

Mr. Ashaari has claimed that he is more popular in Malaysia than Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad and said that, although he has no political ambitions, he would accept national leadership if the Malaysian people demanded it and God

Mr. Ashaari, who is reported to be in Jordan, will be arrested if be returns to Malaysia, Mr. Mahathir said.

It is oot clear how members of the group will react to any ban. But analysts said that any crackdown might be difficult to enforce and could arouse strong protests or even violence from Al Arqam followers.

Al Arqam was founded in 1968 by Mr. Ashaari, a former member of an Islamic opposition party in Malaysia.

Analysts said Malaysian authorities decided to take action against the sect when it became clear that it was gaining a significant following in the bureaucracy, the education system and the Malay Muslim party that has a dominant position in the multiethnic coalition that rules Malaysia.

The government was alarmed when 19 Malaysian members of Al Arqam were arrested in April at a Muslim fundamentalist demonstration in Cairo.

Al Arqam, which gives its followers access to a mystical belief and an exclusive way of life, "offers a refuge from the challenges of modernization, like cult movements in the West," a Malaysian university lecturer said Thursday.

Al Argam has established about 50 1slamic villages in Malaysia where members form a tightly knit community with their own schools, shops, health elinics, playgrounds and code of behavior.

Abdullah Fahim, research director in the Islamic affairs division of the prime minister's department, said Al Argam would oo longer be able to operate schools or run businesses under its name after the ban takes effect Friday.

With Talks Scheduled, Nigerians Halt Strike

LAGOS - Nigeria's biggest labor federation suspended a general strike Thursday, a day after at least three people were killed during clashes with the police in the worst violence since pro-democracy work

Stoppages began last mooth.
The 3.5-million-member Nigerian Labor Congress called off its two-day-old action. which it had taken to pressure the government to release the detained presidential claimant, Chief Moshood K. O. Abiola.

It said it would pursue its demands in talks with the government and resume the strike Saturday if progress on resolv-ing the issue had not been made The president of the labor

federation, Paschal Bafyau, said it was responding to a re-quest from the government for negotiations under a "free and fair atmosphere." Leaders of the federation

then departed for the capital, Abuja, where they were scheduled to meet with military leaders late in the day.

But the country's two major oil workers' unions, which be-gan a crippling strike on July 4 to press demands for democracy, said they would not call off their walkout until the military relinquished power.

"No other action will be sufficient," the two unions said in a joint statement Wednesday. (Reuters, AP)

■ Pressure Rises on Military Cindy Shiner reported earlier for The Washington Post from

Abuja, Nigeria:
With the crippling monthlong strike by oil workers, growing popular unrest and discussion of economic sanctions by
the West, Nigeria's military rulers are facing the strongest challenge to their authority since seizing power nine months ago.

The inability of the govern-ment of General Sani Abacha to come to grips with its unpop-ularity is leading Africa's most populous nation toward what could prove to be its worst political crisis since the Biafran civil war of the late 1960s.

General Abacha is the latest in a string of military leaders who have held power intermittently for 24 of the 34 years since Nigeria, a nation of 90 million people, gained independence

He and his predecessor. Gencral Ibrahim Babangida, have made numerous promises to relinguish power to elected civilian leaders, but repeated disappointments have made Nigerian democracy advocates

increasingly impatient.

"If you just sit around letting these jokers run the place. you're going to be back to the Stooe Age soon," said Olutola Mobolurin, acting chairman of Concerned Professionals, one of several groups in recent months to press the military regime to step down.

Since independence, power has been coocentrated in the hands of a northern elite, and southerners are demanding their share, raising fears of regional conflict that could rival the short-lived secession of the

eastern region of Biafra. At least 1 millioo people died from the time that the eastern The ethnic group seceded in 1967 and created the state of Biafra to the time the rebellion

was crushed in 1970. The south is home to Chief Abiola and most of his supportacted cautiously to the Bosnian ers. He is widely believed, based oo incomplete results, to have won a presidential election organized by the military in June 1993 and almost immediately

> Chief Abiola, after sending conflicting signals about whether be would rally Nigeria's prodemocracy forces and demand that the election be honored, proclaimed himself president oo the one-year anniversary of the vote.

The authorities arrested him and charged him with treason. His trial opened last week in Abuja, in a civilian court specially created by the govern-

${\it Politics of Fundamentalism}$ Bangladesh Dispute Goes Beyond Religion By John Ward Anderson ally has embraced a more washington Past Service moderate form of Islam. Ex-

DHAKA, Bangladesh

Shafik Rehman, editor of the largest weekly magazine m Bangladesh, was flabbergast-ed when he picked up a fundamentalist newspaper a few weeks ago and saw an article claiming that he was a fugitive from justice, charged with insulting Islam. It was news to him.

"I said to my wife, 'This gives the fundamentalist workers the green signal to attack me," Mr. Rehman said in a recent interview, ooting that the police had never served a warrant on him, so he bad oo way of knowing that be was wanted. That night, three firebombs were thrown at the front gate of his bouse. These are intimidation

tactics to scare me so I will refrain from writing against the fuodameotalists," said Mr. Rehman, whose magazine, Jai Jai Din (As Days Go By), also publishes columns by Taslima Nasrin, the feminist author who emerged Wednesday from two months in hiding to appear in court oo charges of insulting Islam. Mr. Rehman and Dr. Nas-

rin are caught in the increasingly violent surge in religious fuodameotalism affectiog Bangladesh, which tradition-

tremists, concerned about deteriorating Islamic values and the rising independence of women, have launched a propaganda war against journalists and private aid groups, accusing them of corrupting Islam and trying to spread

Christianity.
But the dispute is about the clash of commercial and political interests as well, according to observers here. Po-litical analysis charge that the government of Prime Minis-ter Khaleda Zia, weakened by a five-mooth-long opposition boycott of Parliament, has tolerated, if oot abetted, the rise in fundamentalism to curry favor with extremists and to divert attention from pressing domestic problems.

The government denies pandering to religious ex-

"We don't encourage ex-tremists, radicals or fundamentalists, because we know they are a potential source of anarchy," said Information Minister Nazmul Huda.

Although not discounting the ideological aspects, ob-servers here said the campaign against aid organizations is being orchestrated by religious leaders, who are also angry that they have lost stu-dents — and, thus, money —

to schools run by the groups. Furthermore, according to journalists, the rise in religious extremism is being fucled in part by an old-fashioned newspaper war started by Inquiab, the fundamental-ist paper, to increase its circulation, which has plunged with the rising popularity of more moderate papers.

The fallout from these religious, economic and political clashes bas raised tensions to the boiling point.

In recent weeks, tens of thousands of fundamentalists have taken to the streets demanding enactment of a blas-phemy law, calling for the ex-pulsion of Western-funded aid groups, known as nongovaid groups, known as hongovernmental organizations, and demanding that Dr. Nasrin be executed. Half a dozen people have been killed in clashes with the police.

■ Death Calls Renewed Nearly 2,000 radical Mushims renewed calls Thursday for the death of Dr. Nasrin, in their first demonstration since Bangladesh's High Court granted ber bail on Wednesday, Reuters reported from Dhaka. "Our demand remains un-

changed that Nasrin must be hanged and we shall oot rest until it is done," said Abdur Rashid, an activist.



A woman running past by a French-manned UN vehicle as a soldier prepares to return fire in Sarajevo on Thursday.

SERBS: Belgrade Breaks Off Ties

Continued from Page 1 hy threats emanating from Mr. is a good step, but actions speak diosevic's government.

words. We want to see the Serbs stop resupplying their Bosnian Serb clients with arms and other supplies."

The five-natioo Cootact Group that authored the Bosnian peace plan, comprising the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany, called for tighter sanctions on Yugoslavia unless the Bosnian Serbs reversed their rejection of it.

The plan envisages giving 49 percent of Bosnia to the Serbs and 51 perceot to their Muslim-Croatian enemies, who bave accepted the deal.

In a letter to Serbian leaders oo Wednesday, the Bosnian Serbian assembly said it bad been "insulted and saddened"

Pope Plans a Visit to Croatia **But Serbia Bars Trip There**

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II will make his first visit to lands of former Yugoslavia next month, stopping in Croatia and possibly in Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Vatican has announced.

The Pope had hoped to visit Belgrade, the capital of Serbia. but the Varican was informed that the time was "not yet ripe" for such a visit. There was reported to be opposition in Orthodox Church circles to a visit by the Pope, who is seen by some as anti-Serbian.

An advance team was expected in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, this week to study whether the Pope's security could be guaranteed. The stop in Zagreb, capital of predominately Roman Catholic Croatia, will take place Sept. 11, marking the 900th anniversary of the archdiocese.

The Pope has long expressed the hope of visiting Sarajevo to pray for peace and reconciliation between the Muslims and the Orthodox Christian Serbs. Authorities in Bosnia-Herzegovina invited the Pope last year.

WAR: Hiroshima Takes a Harder Look at Its History

oese brought from Japan's colonies as forced labor and of the military headquarters in the midst of town.

While the old museum portrayed the people of Hiroshima as innocents, unaware of the war around them, the oew one includes photographs of a lantern parade ooe night to cele-brate the capture of Nanjing.

The Japanese-language cap-tions below the prints carefully skirt the delicate question of how many Chinese were killed by Japanese forces, saying sim-ply that there are "several theories, ranging from tens to hun-dreds of thousands." The English-language caption cites the figure used by the Chinese:

Some visitors are clearly tak-

to the city seven years after the world. bombing, when it was still in

exhibits, dominated by a three-story reproduction of the famous A-Bomb Dome, the shell of a bombed-out building that became a memorial to the victims. The middle-school students said they knew so little about the war that they were having a . hard time making sense of the

While the new exhibits do not support the U.S. decision to bomb Hiroshima, they do, for. the first time, lay out for the Japanese the choices facing President Harry S. Truman. "Your country sometimes

says that hundreds of thousands of American soldiers were saved by the bombing," Mayor Hiraoka said, "but. I think most of us believe the U.S. wanted to drop the bomb en aback. "I didn't know how as quickly as possible." The bombers as heroes, deeply Hiroshima was involved. U.S. motivation, he said, was "The veterans was in the war," said Kimiko Ki- partly to to establish its pre- hibit to stop when the doors to

portray the bombing is spilling ed it to begin."

Students coursed through the across the Pacific. After long negotiations, the city has agreed to lend some of its exhibits to the Smithsonian Institution for an exhibit in Washington next year that will feature the restored Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the bomb.

When first approached, Mr. Hiraoka said, Hiroshima worried that the Smithsonian planned to "display the Enola Gay to glorify or justify the Albomb." The museum assurate bomb." The museum assured officials in Hiroshima that they would give equal weight to the political decision that led to dropping the bomb.

The Smithsonian has faced another set of protests, from are the mirror image of Hiroshima's: They fear that the Smithsonian will fail to treat the

"The veterans wanted the ex-Smithsonian official said. "And The argument over how to that's where the Japanese want-

Marning

HANG: Is 409-Pound Man Too Heavy for the Gallows?

ways been rather large and that he chooses to do." even at his height of 6 feet, 1 inch (1.9 meters) and original weight of nearly 330 pounds, he would have faced a serious risk

The lawyer added, "They could put him on a diet, but be's never got to a normal weight before. He moves around, but

of decapitation.

wanted to, but that's not what Mr. Rupe's lawyers that his

Hanging is allowed in Montana and Delaware in addition bell raised concerns about beto Washington. There had not been one in the United States since 1965 until 18 months ago, when Washington hanged the first of two triple killers.

The second. Charles Camphe's not lifting weights or doing bell, headed to Washington's weighs almost twice as much chin-ups. He could jog if he gallows in May, signaling to almost certainly would be.

ing hanged at his weight, but his appeal was denied.

Expert witnesses told the federal court that Mr. Campbell had nearly been decapitated and said that Mr. Rupe, who

BOSNIA: Despite Allies, U.S. Threatens Unilateral Lifting of Embargo

Continued from Page I bargo against Bosnia's Mus-grade's decision. The Organiza-tico of the Islamic Conference called for UN troops to be deployed along the Bosnian-Yu-

ty Council to lift the arms em- UN Charter.

states "may come to the conclugoslav border to monitor the flow of arms from Belgrade.

In calling for the UN Securi
Bosnian government under the

On October 6th, the IHT will publish a Special Report on

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A strong comeback for the American car industry.

must now prepare for more war

The Cootact Group has told

the Bosnian Serbs it views a

referendum as a delaying tactic,

as has Serbia. A Bosnian Serbi-

an referendum in May 1993 on

an earlier peace plan produced

In oorthwest Bosnia, mean-

while, Muslim rebels apparent-

ly surrendered to Bosnian gov-

ernment troops in a besieged

town in the Bihac enclave, a

United Nations peacekeeping

Major Rob Annink said the rebel brigade surrendered in the town of Pecigrad.

(AFP, Reuters, AP)

an overwhelming "no."

force spokesman said.

and isolation.

A French Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Catherine Colonna, said that Paris had "taken note" of the latest move by Belgrade, but she added that Fraoce would wait to see whether rump Yugoslavia — Serbia and Montenegro - implemented its decision.

"In Belgrade, the tooe has changed and is oow without ambiguity concerning the Bos-nian Serbs and io accordance with what we were expecting," she said.

Earlier Thursday, Russia re-Serbs' decision.

"We are waiting for a response which must be yes or oo. The organization of a referendum or putting forward conditions is not a response," said Grigori Karasin, a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

The British Foreign Office said the Bosnian Serbian vote to move to a referendum meant that "the Bosnian Serb leadership have again failed to do what the international community expects of them, which is to accept unequivocally the contact group's proposal."

(AP, Reuters, AFP) ment.

ZIMBABWE: A Success Story on Continent of Chaos Continued from Page I

inequity appears most vividly in

the way black and white Zimbabweans oow freely mix. Young Zimbabweans cross the color line easily, forming interracial couples, mingling at the trendy Sandrock cafe on Union Street and dancing at nearby Sarah's nightclub. The only barrier bere is money. Few blacks can afford the hefty admission and drink prices, so the

nantly white. "A lot of things have changed," said Emerson Zhou, chief economist with the Zimbabwe Farmers Union, which represents the country's black, small-scale landholders. "It's a

weekend crowds are predomi-

different racial environment." These social changes reach beyond the black-white divide

More than a million refugees have been fears of incidents like

war, where thousands have died area, there has been an organized campaign by partisans of the former government to per-As the relief community goes suade refugees not to go back to about constructing what their homes. Stories are circuamount to rudimentary cities. lated that returning Hann have building water pipes and truck- had their eyes gouged out and

> There has been no confirmation of these horrific accounts. There are an estimated 500,000 displaced in the French

"The situation is deteriorating fast," said Jack Soldate, di- cent annually, and interest rates rector of operations in south- are in the 40 percent range.

until 1987, leaders of Zimbabwe's political factions came together and defused tribal tensions, avoiding the kind of descent into ethnic war that has

devastated other African states. Also. Zimbabwe has shown more success than other African countries in disarming and demobilizing onetime guerrilla fighters. After a 15-year, lowlevel insurgency forced the white regime of Prime Minister Ian Smith to negotiate a turnover of power, some guerrillas were integrated into the army and others were paid off with compensation packages.

The biggest threat to Zimbabwe'a continued success is economic: It is there that the legacy of racial inequality lingers. There are a lot more blacks in business sectors occupying high positions," Mr. Zhou said. "But from an ownership point of view, blacks are still in a peripheral kind of role."

"Fourteen years after independence, you really cannot in any meaningful sense talk about a black bourgeoisie," said Eliphas Mukonoweshuro, dean of social studies at the University of Zimbabwe, adding, "You can see indications on the horizon that there is an emerging black middle class that shows a lot of promise, but it needs to be nourished."

eled by government overspending, is running at about 30 per-

a devastating drought in 1992. wrong now."

and encompass ethnic differ-ences within the black popula-tion. After a bloody ethnic con-flict in Matabeleland from 1981

Mr. Mugabe's late and reluc-tant embrace in the past three-years of an International Mone-tary Fund program designed to tary Fund program designed to cut budget deficits means Zim-babweans are just starting to feel the pain of higher prices

and a loss of state subsidies. Mr. Mugabe's socialist rhetoric also makes foreign investors' timid, and Zimbabwe cannot, find jobs for most of its highlyeducated population.

Mr. Mugabe rules with an authoritarian streak, intolerant, of opposition and seemingly. unable, or unwilling, to shake his belief that a single-party system is best for his country.

Still, many in Zimbabwe say the successes of Mr. Mugabe and his government outweigh their failures. "On balance, they've done a good job," Mr. Zhou of the Farmers Union

He added, "When one reads about what is happening on other places, we seem to have a near-perfect situation here."

Even members of the economically powerful white farmmg community - a group that criticizes the black government relentlessly - concede that their worst fears at independence were not realized.

"We all thought it was head-ing for Zaire," said Jerry Grant, deputy director of the Commercial Farmers Union of white landholders, referring to that, country's fall into near-anar-The economy has broader chy. "It could have easily gone, problems, as well. Inflation, futhat way. But our black people were very pragmatic. The black? people were just as concerned. as the white people about the future of the country. It could western Rwanda for CARE. The agricultural country is have gone wrong, but it went which was distributing food to only beginning to recover from right, and I don't think it can go

The newspaper will also be distributed at the "Mondial de l'Automobile" show, in Paris on the same day. For further information, please contact Bill Mahder in Paris at (33-1) 46 37 93 78, fax: (33-1) 46 37 50 44.

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RWANDA: Hutu Say Those Who Return Risk Death

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said, putting his arms behind his back. On the insides of both of his arms at the elbows were distinct markings, which he said were rope hurns.

He said the men were led to a military camp, and there the soldiers began shooting the Hutu villagers. Mr. Nywandi said in the confusion he and 10 other men managed to escape, running with their arms tied behind their backs. The accounts of Tutsi atroc-

ities will deal a serious blow to

efforts of the United Nations

and the international relief

community to cope with the ref-

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Zaire in the final days of the of cholera, dysentery and other

ing in hundreds of tons of food worse. in the Goma region, it has ac-knowledged that the only real solution is for the refugees to return home. The United Nations High

Commissioner for Refugees has said that it thinks that it's safe for the refugees to return. But within the refugee agency, there war here, which ended with vic- has been a debate about how tory for the Patriotic Front in aggressive to be in encouraging mid-July.

poured into the Goma region of those recounted here. In the camps in the Goma

security zone, but very little food aid has arrived.

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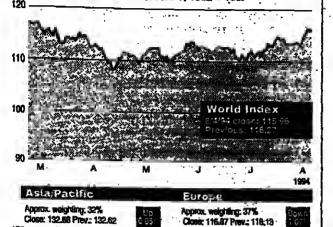
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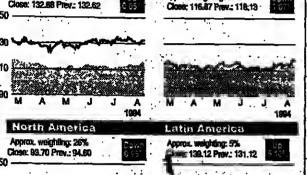
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Fed's Quandary: Are Those Really Inflation Signs?

By Keith Bradsher New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Top Federal Reserve officials are in a quandary: Despite what other analysts see as signs of slowing growth, they sense early signs of rising inflation and strong business confidence that could

lead to an overheated economy. But they have doubts about their judgments and worry that if they are wrong, raising interest rates to stop inflation could halt the U.S. economic expansion prematurely.

sibly not until the Sept. 27 meeting.

International Herald Tribune, Friday, August 5, 1994

come out next week.

[Meanwhile, the number of Amerition of interest rates before Friday's cans seeking state unemployment employment report. The yield on the

formation to form a better judgment, securive week last week dropping to no interest rate increase appears likely the lowest level since February, the percent.] before the Aug. 16 meeting of the in- government reported Thursday, acterest-rate policy committee. and pos- cording to a dispatch by The Associated Press. The Labor Department said

investors declined to bet on the direc-

Five members of the central hank's interest-rate policy committee said in The timing will depend heavily on what Fed officials learn from the July employment data to be released Friedry and the retail sales figures that come out pext week.

The timing will depend heavily on initial jobless claims totaled a season-like many Wall Street analysts, they did not see the huge increase in husiness inventories during the second thursday for a fifth day as traders and come out pext week. quarter as a signal of economic weakness in the months ahead.

They dismiss the notion that retail- Federal Reserve Board.

Because Fed officials want more in- benefits declined for the second con- benchmark 30-year bond held steady ers were caught by surprise by a sharp stead, they believe that the increase in inventories actually reflects a calculation by husiness executives that conseparate interviews this week that, un- sumers will soon resume shopping in

> "Inventories had gotten awfully low relative to sales, so my suspicion is a good deal of it was planned," said Susan M. Phillips, a governor of the

Will Fees Sink New Osaka Airport?

By Steven Brull tional Herald Tribune

OSAKA, Japan - First it was sinking in the sea. Now it is sinking in red ink. Kansai International Airport, which boasts an ultramodern terminal building shaped like the outspread wings of a giant hird and designed by Renzo Piano of Italy, will be among the world's most striking when it opens Sept. 4.

It also will be the world's most costly - so costly, in fact, that some airlines won't fly there, despite pent-up demand for international flights from western Ja-

The airport estimates that when it opens, the number of international flights will be less than half its target of 630 a week. Domestic flights, for which fees are lower, will be closer to the week-ly target of 490 but still far below the airport's capacity.

Although below projections, the numbers are a major expansion of service hy airlines already serving Osaka's Itami airport. United Airlines, the biggest U.S. carrier across the Pacific, will boost weekly flights to 21 from 11 — still well below half of what one executive says is the airline's ultimate goal of more than 50 flights a week.

With Japan's other major international airports having incited fierce, even violent, opposition from local residents outraged by noise and aggressive landacquisition tactics, government planners decided to build Kansai International on reclaimed land five kilometers (3 miles) off the coast in Osaka Bay.

To their horror, though, the 511-hectare (1,260-acre) man-made island began to sink more quickly than expected. The problem was solved with a series of jacks below the terminal building, but not before delaying the opening by 18 months and escalating costs by 50 percent, to \$15

To prevent debts from snowballing, Kansai International wants to set fees equal to or far higher than those at Tokyo's Narita airport, already the world's most expensive. Proposed jumbo jet landing fees exceed \$10,000 - more than double those at the next most expensive airport, at Frankfurt in Germany, and 30 times that of Los Angeles.

That's not all. For wheeling out the passenger boarding bridge - a service provided free at many airports - the airport wants \$575. It's asking about \$2,500 a month to rent a single check-in counter and about \$165 a month for one square meter of space in the passenger terminal, not including \$68 in manage-

ment and air-conditioning fees. Meanwhile, airport restaurateurs, facing water bills 10 times the Osaka city rate, are considering trucking their dirty dishes back to the mainland for washing, despite a \$17 round-trip bridge toll. Horror stories of \$10 cups of coffee abound.

Some airlines, their own finances strained by falling ticket prices and intensifying competition, are balking. Some will bypass Kansai in favor of more lucrative destinations, while others will increase flights at a far slower pace than potential demand dictates.

Seeking to pressure the airport to hring down fees, airlines are warning

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Kidder Report Pinpoints Jett and Laxity

NEW YORK - Kidder,

Peabody. & Co. on Thursday released an internal report that said Joseph Jett was the major culprit in the firm's costly and embarrassing financial scandal. But the report also blamed what was described as a star-

said superiors could have detected fraud if they had scrutinized even the trading dates. Kidder also fired Melvin Mullin, Mr. Jett's former supervisor. He was the fourth top-

level figure to go. The 85-page report, prepared thing lack of supervision over Mr. Jett, Kidder's chief governby Gary Lynch, former enforcement chief at the Securities and

ment bond trader. The report Exchange Commission, is the said superiors could have deparent to control the damage from the bond-trading scandal. Mr. Jett was dismissed in

April after Kidder accused him generating \$350 million in phantom bond profits in a trading scheme aimed at hiding about \$100 million in trading

Kidder charged that Mr. Jett also inflated his bonus. Kidder said Mr. Jett showed record trading profits of \$32.5

million in 1992. "Had Jett's account of what really happened been considered, the conclusions of this report would necessarily have been dramatically different."
an autorney for Mr. Jett said.

Russian Police **Detain Chief** Of MMM Fund

By Lee Hockstader

Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — Having watched idly for six months as Russia's higgest investment firm stripped millions of people of their savings, the government on Thursday raided the firm's main offices and detained its president.

Russian tax agents and special police, some of them lowering themselves down a high-rise apartment building on ropes. hurst in from a halcony to the flat of Sergei Mavrodi, president of the MMM investment fund, which says it has 10 million investors. Last week the MMM fund, which the government says is a scam, collapsed when the fund devalued its shares by more than 99 percent in a single day.

The government announced that Mr. Mavrodi, who refused to meet with tax officials on Wednesday, was under investigation on charges of tax evasion. Well into the evening, agents were combing his home and office for documents and computer files they hope will huild a case against the flamboyant MMM chief, who is regarded by authorities as a highrolling swindler who raked in

millions from naïve investors. The MMM scandal has been a midsummer sensation in Moscow, rocking the country's fledgling security markets and igniting a round of fingerpointing that has set many investors against the government and government agencies against each other.

Yet until Thursday, the government had taken no direct action against MMM or Mr. Mavrodi, leaving the fund to continue what officials say is a elassic pyramid sebeme, in which purchases hy new investors are used to pay off previously purchased shares at steadily rising prices.

Until Thursday it appeared that neither law nor logic would have any role to play in the MMM debacle. Authorities seemed completely helpless, hlaming inadequate securities legislation.

Mr. Mavrodi, whose portrait appears on some of MMM's certificates, scoffed at the government, hlaming it for the fund's collapse and the financial losses of his legions of investors. He has also even threatened to mobilize his investors into a political force opposed to

WALL STREET WATCH

A Warning on REIT Stocks

By Laurence Zuckerman

New York Times Service

EW YORK — The hottest sector for stock offerings on Wall

Street these days is real-estate companies, and by far the hottest underwriter of real estate stocks is Mexill Lynch

& Co.

The investment bankers in Merrill Lynch's property group have underwritten \$2.9 billion worth of shares this year in real estate invest-ment trusts, or REITs, including \$2 billion in initial public offerings.

That amounts to more than 40 percent of

That amounts to more than 40 percent of all new property shares, just as the trusts have become the fastest-growing category on the New York Stock Exchange.

Richard Saltzman, managing director of the real estate investment banking group, would not say how much the unit, which now consists

of 45 professionals, has earned from underwriting the trusts. But others in the industry estimate that last year's fees and commissions may have been as high as \$200 million.
But for all its success, Merrill Lynch is now

facing criticism from some investors who buy real estate stocks.

They say that the best of the real estate.

investment trusts have already gone to mar-ket, and that to meet the enormous demand for such stocks, Merrill is now underwriting companies of lower quality.

"A couple of the transactions that they've

done, you have to look in the mirror and ask, "Why?" said Sam Zell, who controls two property trusts brought public by Merrill Lynch last year. Like many in the industry, Mr. Zell worries that bad deals will som investors on real estate trusts.

Indeed, some of Merrill'a most recent deals have been criticized by analysts and fund managers who say the deals either involved mediocre companies or were being dressed up to appear more promising than they were.

For example, several analysts have criticized First Industrial Realty Trust, which began trading on the New York Stock Exchange in June, because dozens of the proper-ties included in the trust were not even owned beforehand by the company's controlling shareholder, the Shidler Group. Instead, Shidler secured rights to buy those

properties with proceeds from the company's initial stock offering.

In addition, one analyst accused First Industrial of inflating its operating revenue.

The First Industrial prospectus "contains the most egregious financing gimmick of virtually any deal to come down the pike in the last few years," said Jon Fosheim of Green Street Advisors, a California firm that analyzes property stocks for institutional inves-

tors, in a memo to his clients a month before the stock began trading.

He said the company was booking interest payments in a way that inflated its cash flow. Merrill Lynch subsequently abandoned the accounting method before the stock came to market. But Mr. Fosheim said that First Industrial still relied on a relatively high amount of short-term variable-rate loans, which require lower interest payments than long-term fixed-rate loans. That means the company's cash flow looks better in the short run. But it also means the company may face much high-

er interest expenses later on.
First Industrial shares now trade at \$22.50. \$1 below their initial offering price.

BEUING — In a landmark ruling, a court in China has de-cided in favor of Walt Disney Co. in a lawsuit accusing Chinese firms of pirating Mickey Mouse and other copyrighted

Disney property.

Disney on Thursday confirmed press reports that the recently formed intellectual-property section of the Beijing court had issued a ruling Wednesday that a Chinese publisher and its distributor had pirated children's books based

on Disney films.

Disney called it "a round in the fight." The coun has yet to assess penalties. The court found a violation, but said the circumstances needed further

The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, in June rejected Beijing's pleas for patience and added China to a special watch list of countries suspected of tolerating theft, especially in computer software

have involved pornography.

China Court **Backs Disney** Copyright

investigation, according to Knight-Ridder.

The publications featured Mickey Mouse, Cinderella, Pe-ter Pan and Snow White.

and video and audio recordings. China recently announced a crackdown, but much of it may

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cable-shopping channel from Comeast Corp. and Liberty Media Analysts said the QVC chairman, Barry Diller, recommended acceptance of the offer for the roughly 65 percent of QVC that the

two cable companies do not already own.

If the merger proposal goes through, Mr. Diller, who said he would not work for someone else, is expected to leave the would not work for someone else, is expected to leave the company. He has a 12.5 percent stake in QVC, which would give him roughly \$100 million in profit if the merger goes through.

Comcast, America's third-largest cable-system operator, and

Liberty, an affiliate of the biggest operator, Tele-Communications Inc., last month offered \$44 a share for the portion of QVC they did not own. Comcast and Tele-Communications had been reluctant to raise their offer because they did not believe they were

competing against other hidders.

With no hidding war to help push up the price, Mr. Diller has been seeking other means of sweetening the offer.

Unitrin and Gupta Take Poison Pills

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — Unitrin Inc. and Gupta Corp. on Thursday approved "poison pill" plans to fend off hostile take-

Unitrin, in an effort to sour a \$2.6 billion takeover by American General Corp., decided to issue one preferred stock purchase right for each common share on Aug. 17 if any one shareholder buys more than 15 percent of its stock by that time.

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The plan is designed to make acquisition of the insurer and consumer lender prohibitively expensive. Gupta separately adopted a similar plan after Oracle Systems

Corp. disclosed its interest in buying the database software maker.

First Chicago Will Cut 600 Bank Jobs CHICAGO (Bloomberg) - First Chicago Corp. will cut 600 obs as part of an effort to reorganize its community banking

business, the company said Thursday. The banking company said it expected to save \$20 million a year before tax, starting next year, by cutting the cost of operating its retail network. The network includes 80 branches of First

National Bank of Chicago. Quaker Oats Profit Slips by 6.3%

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — Quaker Oats Co. said Thursday that its profit from operations in its fourth quarter, which ended June 30, fell 6.3 percent because of a poor European economy and high inflation in Brazil.

The maker of cereals and Gatorade sports drinks said it had

operating profit of \$87.5 million, after net income of \$93.4 million a year earlier. Results were affected by a \$72.8 million restructuring charge. Revenue rose to \$1.62 billion from \$1.55 billion.

Xtra!: Xerox Logo Changes

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Advertising connoisseurs savor the kickoffs of corporate image campaigns like the uncorking of fine. and not so fine, wines.

On Thursday, a new vintage was decanted: Xerox Corp. announced it would no longer be Xerox Corp. In all advertising, packaging, corporate communications and stationery, it

will now be known as the Document Company — Xerox. "Xerox is who we are," said Paul A. Allaire, chairman and chief executive, "The document is what we do. This new signature embodies that understanding and strengthens the

connection."

Investors may like to know, however, that it is still incorporated as Xerox Corp.

Replacing the decade-old Xerox banded graphic, the new Xerox icon will be a large red X.

Despite its new corporate symbol. Xerox said it was hoping to be known as more than brand X. The updated corporate signature is not simply a redesign but a new "identity system," Mr. Allaire said.

Auto Stocks Lead Wall Street Lower

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The stock serve official suggested the cen-market slipped Thursday, bur- tral bank would raise interest dened by signs that corporate rates if Friday's employment profits in bellwether industries data for July showed strong job such as autos, building products growth.

and semiconductors may peak sooner than had been expected. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 26.87 points to finish at 3,765.79, with the bulk of seli-

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ing coming in the last hour of trading. Losing issues led gaining ones by a 4-to-3 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 290.7 million shares.

Weaker-than-expected vehicle sales for July prompted an analyst at Merrill Lynch to reduce his investment ratings for General Motors, which fell 21/8 to 50%, Ford, which slumped 2 to 2912, and Chrysler, which

dropped 1³⁴ to 45⁵⁶.

Weak Treasury bond prices also pulled down stocks. The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 8/32 point, to 86 9/32, and the yield rose to 7.40 percent from 7.38 percent

Bonds fell after a Federal Re-

Weakness in the semiconductor sector was led by Intel, which feli 14 to 574 after a Merrill Lynch analyst voiced concern about an order slowdown in the second half of the year.

Caremark, a hig provider of intravenous drugs for patients in their homes, fell 2% to 21% after a criminal indictment accusing it of paying off doctors in exchange for referrals.

Georgia-Pacific dropped 2% to 67 after Goldman Sachs removed it from its buy list amid concern about a slowdown in the building industry. About 60 percent of Georgia-Pacific's earnings come from building products such as plywood.

Retailers were weak after several store chains reported slightly weaker sales for July than analysts had expected. Wal-Mart fell % to 24%, and Sears dipped % to 47%.

(Bloomberg, AP)

Job Data Anticipation Moves Dollar Higher

Bloomberg Business News

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against most other major currencies Thursday amid speculation that the U.S. currency was poised to strengthen even if Friday's monthly employment report showed a slowing of

investors who had sold dollars short earlier in the week

Foreign Exchange

bought them back on concern that either a strong or a weak jobs report could benefit the

dollar. A robust rise in employment could lift the dollar by raising the likelihood the Federal Reserve would soon raise interest rates, making U.S. deposits more attractive.

A weak report, which would diminish those prospects, could help the dollar by spurring a rally in stocks and bonds. "A lot of people think the

bond market's performance will lead the dollar Friday," said Steve Flanagan, a trader at PaineWebber Inc.

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The dollar closed more than a pfennig higher against the Deutsche mark at 1.5873 DM, up from 1.5757 DM on

Wednesday. Against the yen, the dollar rose slightly to 100.475 from 100.275. Analysts said no new developments were likely soon in hilateral trade talks between

the United States and Japan, 'There's been some squaring up ahead of the employment report," said Tim Fox, an economist at Credit Suisse.

"People are going to make their mind up about what the Fed's going to do with interest rates on the back of Friday's figures," said Troy Bowler, an analyst at PaineWebber International

Some traders said the report could be stronger than economists were expecting, after a surprise drop in the number of unemployment claims made in the last week of July.

The dollar also rose to 5.4325 French francs from 5.3878 francs and to 1,3406 Swiss francs from 1.3320. The pound fell to \$1.5357 from \$1.5427.

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Energy Agency Predicts Demand for Oil Will Increase

LONDON — World oil demand will increase significantly over the next year and a half, the International Energy Agency said Thursday.

The Paris-based agency said economic growth would push world oil demand to 69.3 million barrels a day on average next year from 68.1 million barrels so far in 1994. Fast-growing demand will help under-pin oil prices for the rest of this year and may push the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries into increasing pro-

duction levels when it meets again in November, analysts said.

Low crude oil stock levels also should support oil prices with the approach of the Northern Hemisphere's winter.
"We're strongly of the opinion that the

market needs more oil from OPEC." Steve Terry of London consultancy Petroleum Economics Ltd. said.

Brent crude oil for September delivery rose seven cents, to \$18.51 in late London trading, more than \$6 above its lowest levels in February.

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Some OPEC delegates say the group will probably need to raise its overall output ceiling in the first quarter of 1995 merely to

keep supply in line with demand.

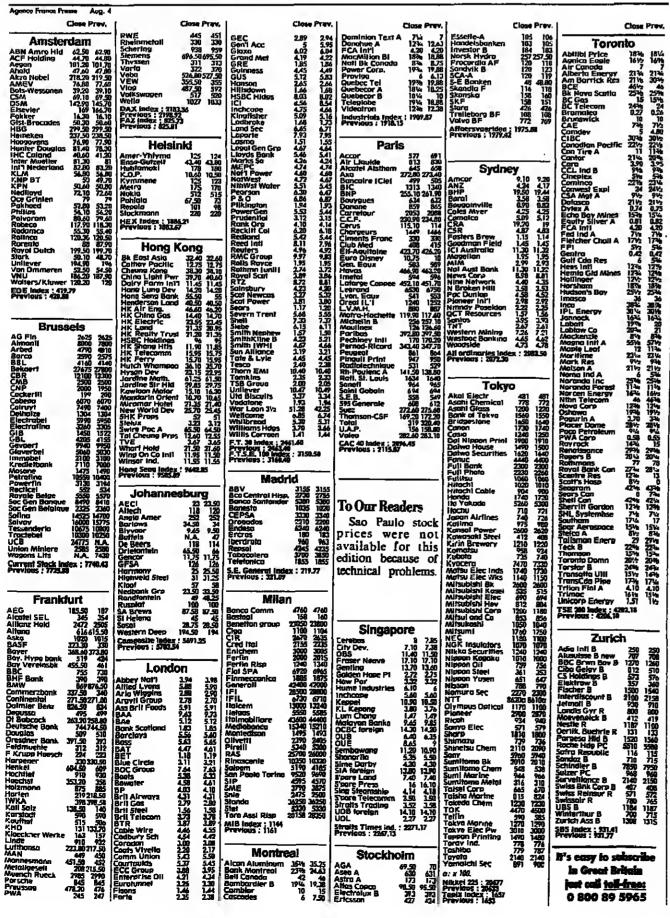
Without n doubt, we'll need to raise the ceiling since we, especially Saudi Arabia, are not seen for sky-high prices which would stunt economic growth," one Gulf

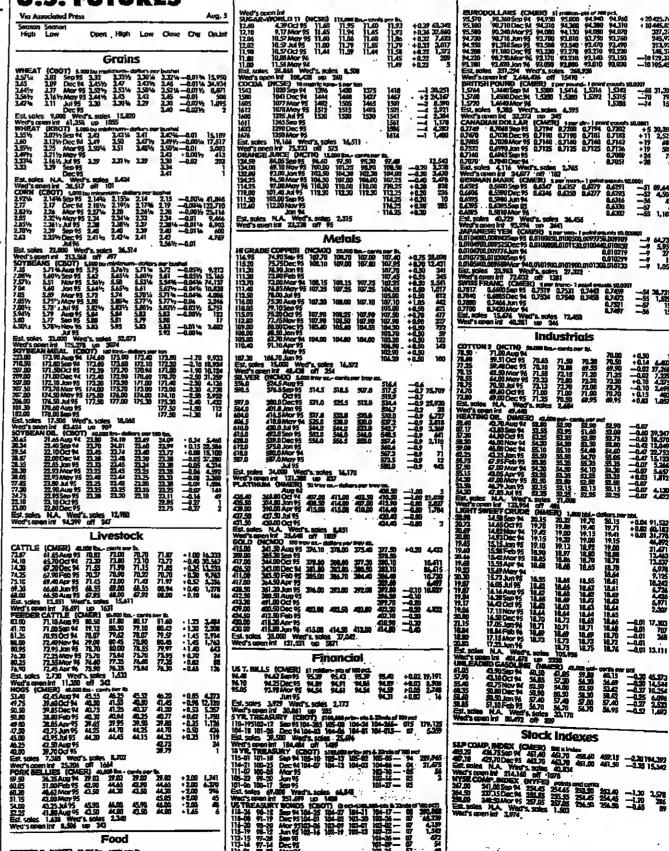
OPEC delegate said. "OPEC can't afford to let things get out of hand on the price front," said Leo Drollas, chief economist at the Center for Global Energy Studies.

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German Economy **Shows Bright Spots**

By Brandon Mitchener

onal Herold Tribune FRANKFURT -- Economic statistics released Thursday confirmed recent evidence that the German economy had taken a turn for the better but fell short of showing that the country's labor troubles had ended, economists said.

The government said seasonally adjusted unemployment fell in July and demand for manufactured goods grew in

Economists said Thursday's statistics pointed to a strong third quarter. Some said they would revise their growth predictions for the year.

The decline in the job market seems to have come to a stop," said Bernhard Jagoda, president of the Federal Labor

He held out little hope, however, for a rapid revival in the labor market, noting that it typically reacts with a delay of about six months to changes in the economy as a whole.

With a little more than two months to go until parliamentary elections Oct. 16, the statistics were welcomed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, whose standing in public opinion polls has risen in step with the economy.

Rudolf Kraus of the Labor Ministry said the latest statistics proved the conservative coalition government's economic policy "is on the right road," while the independent Ifo eco-nomics research institute raised its forecast for pan-German economic growth to 2 percent in 1994 from a previous range 1.5 percent to 2 percent.

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Despite such sentiments. however, economists cautioned . for restructuring its agricultural that it was far from clear that seeds division and to close some the current upturn would help the legions of unemployed.

While the latest statistics confirmed the economy was growing, they also showed "not neoessarily a boom, especially in the domestic economy," said Hans Jachel, an economist at DRI McGraw-Hill in Frankfurt.

After adjustment for seasonal factors, the number of West. Germans without jobs fell by about 20,000 in July. It was the Borse Online magazine said. second month in a row that un. ... The survey, released before vey said.

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rising steadily since March

The overall jobiess rate, which is based on unadjusted figures, rose to 8.3 percent from 8 percent in June.

.Unemployment in the East, also unadjusted, rose to 1,140,000 in July from 1,120,000 in June, The region's unemployment rate was 15.1

Orders from manufacturers in the West, which economists consider an indication of where the economy is going, rose 2.2 percent in June, largely as a result of strong demand for German capital goods and ex-

Demand for German con-sumer goods fell I percent in the month, a reflection of German consumers' continuing uncertainty about the economy.

Michelin Man Travels Incognito

CLERMONT-FERRAND, France-With a cloak of secrecy worthy of the Cold War, Michelin SA has built a plant here that it refuses to say when it began operating or how many workers it has. In addition, machinery at the plant

was built by a company which — in true CIA style—is jointly owned by the more than 60 subsidiaries of Compagnie Gén-érale des Etablissements Michelin SCA, so that no information on it shows up on the annual reports.

Moreover, the plant's manufacturing process goes by a code name, C3M, and the tires it makes are mixed among the 150 million others that Michelin makes around the world, in order to confuse the

All in all, the plant marks a new level of secrecy for a company with such a firm tradition of privacy that for decades the only outsider allowed to visit its plants was Charles de Gaulle.

The reason for the secrecy, according to Michelin and industry analysts, is the plant's revolutionary ability to build quality tires in less time, using less ener-

gy and with less investment in factories.
"If an engineer walked through the factory, he'd figure out what we were doing in 30 seconds," a Michelin spokes-

Michelin's C3M process promises to combine the preparation, assembly and

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curing of tires, in essence blending several expensive steps inside a microwave

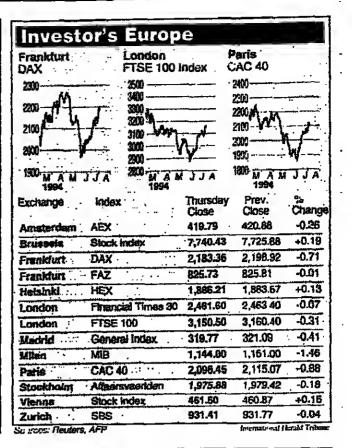
and coming out with a cake. It is likely to be an industrialist's dream and a labor union's nightmare a tire plant that occupies only 10 percent of the conventional space and employs perhaps 25 percent fewer workers. If the plant lives up to expectations, its technology could be used in Michelin's 66 factories worldwide, at the cost of 30,000 of its current 120,000 jobs over two decades.

"You wonder who will be able to buy a car if no one has a job," said one union

representative. "The thrust of this technology isn't to cut jobs, although it will," said Albert Hahn, a chemicals industry analyst at the consulting firm EcoPian International. "It's the continuity and flexibility of the process which could be revolution-Mr. Hahn said he had gleaned information from patents filed in various countries.

The Michelin spokesman said the technology would be phased in as existing plants were modernized. Although the plant here probably makes fewer than 1,000 tires a day, it could produce 30 times that number, analysts said

The C3M technology will not immediately propel Michelin to the top of the earnings charts, as the cost of replacing factories and laying off workers will be high. Two-thirds of Michelin's 1993 net loss of 3.67 billion French frames (\$678) million) was due to the cost of layoffs.



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Restructurings Hurt Drug Firms' Profits Euro Disney

LONDON - Two of Europe's largest drug companies

— Zeneca Group PLC and
Rhône-Poulenc SA — said

Thursday that restructuring charges hurt first-half earnings, while a third. Schering AG. posted a slight gain in first-half

Zeneca said it took a restructuring charge of £100 million (\$154 million) in the first half, holding pretax profit to £351 million, down from £362 million in the 1993 first half.

The British company said £51 million of the charge was

An additional £37 million was to restructure the specialties businesses, which include organic and fine chemicals, biocides and colors. Other agrochemical restruc-

turings would cost £12 million, the company said. Agrochemicals and specialty chemicals generate 56 percent of the company's sales. Zeneca said its overall sales

rose 3 percent in the half, to £2.38 billion, led by an 8 percent increase in agrochemical sales and a 6 percent increase in pharmaceutical sales. Restructuring charges also

offset increases in sales for Rhone-Poulenc, which said operations in Eastern Europe. first-half profit fell 69 percent,

(\$62 million).

turing charges of 904 million the 962 million francs earned in francs in the half, 699 million of 1993. which were for its 68 percentsidiary. Rhône-Poulenc Rorer.

cent, to 42.38 billion francs. cent from the 1993 first half. The company said revenue rose

ly in the year. Lower gains from asset sales strength of the mark against the and adverse foreign-exchange dollar and pound kept profit rates also dented its profit, from matching the increase in

Rhône said. The company, which was pri-

'Pleased' by to 337 million French francs varized last year, said it expected its results for the whole of 1994 Rights Issue The company took restruct to show a higher net profit than

Schering was able to capitalheld U.S. pharmaceutical sub- ize on a 16 percent increase in revenue, posting first-half prof-The charges offset an overall it of 192 million Deutsche sales increase of nearly 6 per- marks (\$121 million), up 4 per-Sales reached 2.34 billion

in all of its sectors, especially DM, with Schering's new multichemicals and fibers, which ple sclerosis drug Betaseron benefited from rising prices ear-contributing 127 million DM. The company said the

rights offering had been 80 percent subscribed by the public and Walt Disney Co. The 5.95 billion French franc (\$1 billion) rights offering started June 20 and ended July 11.

"Given the current market conditions and the timing of the rights issue, the company is pleased with the level of subscription and the confidence expressed by its shareholders." the company said.

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which operates Euro Disney-

In one of the higgest capitalraising operations ever seen on the Paris Bourse, Euro Disney created nearly 600 million new shares at 10 franes each.

The company also said that it cent stake, to subscribe to seven new shares for every two held. AG and AMB Aachener &

The response to the issue came as a relief to the theme Allianz said last month that it park's bankers that underwrote would disclose holdings of the public issue as part of a restructuring plan.

(AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

Very briefly:

 Kleinwort Benson Group PLC said first-half pretax profit rose 8.5 percent, to £45.8 million (\$70 million), as a surge in fees and commissions offset a slump in income from securities trading.

• Allied Irish Banks PLC said pretax profit in first half rose nearly 14 percent, to 162 million Irish punts (S245 million), as provisions for bad debts dropped sharply and new leading in Ireland rose.

· Lufthansa AG said its code-sharing agreement with UAL Corp.'s United Airlines has resulted in an increase in combined bookings land, said Thursday its recent of 100,000 since it came into force on June 1.

• Bertelsmann AG plans to buy 73.3 percent of G. Ricordi & Co., the Italian record company, financial details were not disclosed. · Morgan Crucible Co. said it sold its Holt Lloyd unit, which makes consumer car care products, to a management group for as

much as £72.9 million. • Denmark's average unemployment rate from the third quarter of 1993 to the second quarter of 1994 rose to 12.6 percent from 11.9 percent in the preceding one-year period.

• Beiersdorf AG said group sales in the first half rose 10 percent, to 2.67 hillion DM, led by its skin care division; the company said operating profit for the full year should grow faster than sales.

 BTP PLC's Mydrin Ltd. subsidiary has agreed to pay 30.6 million Deutsche marks (\$19 million) for Scheidemandel AG's adhesives husiness. Bloomberg, Reuters, AP, AFX

The issue allowed existing shareholders, including Walt Disney Co., which has a 49 per-

LONDON - CRH PLC, an Irish construction company, said Thursday it had acquired four road-building supply companies in the United States for \$66 million.

Acquired were Balf Co. in Hartford, Connecticut, which makes aggregates and asphalt; P.J. Keating & Co. in Boston, which makes asphalt; Lebanon Rock Inc. in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which operates limestone quarries, and Sullivan LaFarge in Albany, New York, which operates quarries.

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Most German Firms Wary of Low-Price Shares

speeding up the domestic economy, the growth pace remains are reluctant to issue new shares
limited," he said.

with a lower initial buying with a lower initial buying price; in line with a shift in legislation intended to broaden

shares or carry out a 10-for-1 share split. The four companies intend to

present related measures for stock ownership, a survey by shareholder approval at their next annual meetings, the surimployment had fallen, after its publication date of Friday. Companies are allowed to is- Schering AG as of June 30, go into effect next year.

Monday. Allianz Lists Holdings

Allianz AG, Germany's largest insurer, disclosed Thursday that it held stakes of 5 percent in Bayer AG, 5 percent in Deut-sche Bank and 9.7 percent of tion of disclosure laws that will in Bayer AG, 5 percent in Deut-

Münchener Beteiligungs AG.

AIRPORT: Kansai International Flies Into Controversy Over Its Fees

Continued from Page 9 Cansai International that it risks slip-

ping into a vicious circle, with high fees depressing traffic and revenue and exac-erbating the airport's need for higher fees to cover mounting deht. "Even the world's most profitable group of airlines, in the Asia-Pacific region, will be unable to cope with these expensive charges, much less generate a decent profit," said Richard Stirland, director-general of the Orient Airlines Association. "Costs will deter airlines from starting new services to Osaka and

deter passengers through higher ticket prices." Undeterred, Kansai International, which says it is a private company even though the government holds two-thirds of the shares and calls the shots, is play-

ing hardball.

Executives argue that high fees are unavoidable if the airport is to have any hope of paying its debts. With no alternative international airport in an economic region with output greater than Canada's, airlines will either put up or risk being shut out as competitors build business in a massive market that has

business in a massive market that has only begun to realize its potential.

"This market is booming," said Satoru Kanazawa, director of the Kansai International Airport Division of the Ministry of Transport. "That's why we're not willing to accept any big discounts."

For newcomers to Japan, though, the startup costs may be too great. Although the new capacity provided by Kansai International, the only full-scale 24-hour airport in Japan, has given Tokyo the ability to grant rights for airlines from 11 ability to grant rights for airlines from 11 countries to serve Japan for the first

has taken up the offer.

Yutaka Nojiri, head of planning at Kansai International, said that the low turnout would cost the airport about \$400 million a year in revenue it had expected to get. That equals more than two-thirds of the airport's annual \$585 million in interest payments. But he said that airlines would gradually increase flights allowing Kansai International to flights, allowing Kansai International to meet its aggressive deht-payment sched-

Nonetheless, the airport has agreed in talks with the International Air Transport Association to lower its landing fees by about 5 percent, equal to the level at Narita, industry sources said. An announcement is expected next week.

time, so far only one - Royal Nepal - But it is conceding little in other user ices, which remain 30 percent to 300 percent higher than at Narita, until now the world's highest.

A solution could be found, both sides agree, if the Ministry of Finance gave more support for Japan's airports. The ministry provides just 20 billion yen (\$202 million) for airports in Japan, a small fraction of that allotted to rivers, ports and farmers.

Even building a second runway at Kansai International is impossible unless the government contributes more. Kansai International's Mr. Nojiri estimates a second runway cannot be built for less than \$12 billion — almost as much as has been spent so far.

Counting on an Upgrade

OSAKA, Japan — Its economy is bigger than Canada's or Spain's. Its leading companies are among the world's best-known. But Kansai, or western Japan, has long felt second-class compared with Tokyo, the center of government, fi-nance, communications and just about everything else in Japan.

With the long-awaited opening of Kansai International Airport in Septem-

ber, though, people here are hoping things will change. The airport will provide an immediate

spurt to the economy, helping western Japan to grow twice as rapidly as the Tokyo region, known as Kanto. More important, planners hope it will help give

the region a new identity as the gateway to the rapidly growing nations of South-

"The airport will have a tremendous psychological impact," said Satoshi Maekawa, senior researcher at the Daiwa Research Institute in Osaka.

The new airport will relieve congestion at Itami, the city's current airfield; many international travelers, and much of the region's industrial output, now have no choice but to travel first to Tokyo to leave the country.

The airport should give a kick to dozens of projects designed to promote Osaka's regional integration.

-STEVEN BRULL

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China Stocks Rally On Record Volume

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SHANGHAI - China's revitalized domestic stock market surged on record volume Thursday amid speculation the government was preparing to add to market stimulating measures it announced Saturday.

Shanghai A shares, which are reserved for Chinese buyers, rose 8.1 percent, while A shares in Shenzhen gained 2.5 percent. In Shanghai, shares valued at 10.50 billion yuan (\$1 billion) changed hands, double the previous volume record set in March, in Shenzhen, volume totaled 3.83 billion yuan.

Traders said they expected Chinese officials to meet with local brokerage concerns soon to discuss new measures to bolster both markets.

According to the China Securities newspaper, the China Securities Regulatory Commission is studying plans to supply loans to brokerage houses as part of its effort to spur investment in the A share markets.

The markets also got a lift from a shift of funds out of bond markets and bank accounts, brokers said.
Much of the money was com-

ing from the bond market, which

China Sells Out Yearly Bond Issue Before Deadline

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BELIING - China has completed this year's crucial bond issue, selling 102.90 billion yuan (\$12 billion) of securities ahead of schedule, the Xinhua news agency said.

Between April 1 and July 31, Chinese banks sold 70.19 billion yuan of three-year bonds, 28.37 billion yuan of two-year bonds and 4.34 billion yuan in other bonds, Finance Ministry officials said Wednesday. The issues were sold out well before their cutoff dates.

The success of this year's issue stands in contrast to 1993, when the government had to extend deadlines and force state employees to buy bonds to fill its annual quota. Weakness in the domestic stock market this: year drove investors to the bond

(AFP, Knight-Ridder)

Silk and Cashmere 'Wars' Chinese Factories Fight for Supplies

BELIING - The "wars" in China's rural areas for scarce raw materials have spread to silk and cashmere, two vital export items, because demand exceeds supply, officials and economists said Thursday.

An Agriculture Ministry official said the main reason for the price wars was not a shortage of output but an excess of factories, while fraudulem practices are also re-

Prices are being pushed above state-set ceilings, and products are being contami-nated because of the short In northern Shaami, one of China's main cashmere-

producing areas, the price for

one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of

pure high-grade cashmere worm cocoons as high as 21 wool has more than tripled to yuan, compared with 12 yuan 240 yuan (\$28) from 70 yuan last year, according to the Economic Daily.

Prices have soared because of the rapid increase in factories producing cashmere garments, spurred by higher demand, especially from Chinese buyers.

The paper said there was fierce competition among buyers, who include private speculators as well as users of the materials. It also said contamination to increase weight had become common, with sugar, lime, sand, engine oil or tin powder being added.

Price wars also are raging in the southern provinces where 20 million households raise silkworms, with prices for one kilogram of fresh silkyear ago. China's silk exports have 80

percent of the world market. Figures from state-owned China Silk Co. show that in 1993 silkworm cocoons sold to state outlets fell to 458,000 tonnes, a drop of 13 percent from a year earlier. National output of silkworm cocoons in 1993 was a record 760,000 tonnes, up 9.6 percent from

In the first six mouths of this year, China carned \$129 million, up 145 percent on the year, from exporting 5,948 tonnes of raw silk, up 160 percent. It also earned \$225 million, up 42 percent on the year, from exporting 7,669 tonnes of silk-woven fabrics,

Telecom Sees More Growth

WELLINGTON - Telecom Corp. of New Zealand Ltd. said it was on track for sustained growth after reporting that its first-quarter profit rose a higher-than-expected 17 percent from a year earlier.

Net income in the quarter ended June 30 rose to 138.5 million New Zealand dollars (\$83 million) from 118.2 mil-

Telecom, which the government sold off in 1990, is controlled by the U.S. phone companies Ameritech Corp. and Bell Atlantic Corp.

Sales rose 11 percent, to 663.8 million New Zealand dollars, reversing a declining trend. Excluding its Australian sub-sidiary, Pacific Star Communications, revenue rose 6 percent. "Our excellent first-quarter

performance reflects the success of Telecom's initiatives in the marketplace, progress with the restructuring of operations and buoyancy in the underlying economy," said Peter Shirt-cliffe, chairman.

Roderick Deane, chief executive, said growth in local service and long-distance revenue were key features of the first quarter. But noncore services also contributed to profit, with linkups of cellular customers up 46 percent. Despite the growth in cellular, Telecom said its market penetration was below that of telephone companies other countries and that there was

plenty of room for growth.

Mr. Deane said Telecom so harmed results. would yield 9 percent to 10 per-(Bloomberg, AFX) cent in dividends.

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• The Japan Machine Tool Builder's Association said orders in June rose 3.6 percent from a year earlier, to 49.16 billion yen (\$490 million), the first rise in three years.

 The Japan Automobile Importers' Association said sales of imported vehicles in Japan jumped 49.6 percent in July from a year earlier; sales of U.S. cars shot up 79 percent, to 10,359 units. and made up 38 percent of the total

 Tawan's Economic Ministry said it would offer a further 450 million shares, valued at \$48.9 million, of state-run China Steel Corp. on overseas markets in the second half of 1994. AFP. Reuters

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Currency Losses Cut Showa Shell Profit

TOKYO - Shows Shell Sekiyu said Thursday its pretax profit fell 42 percent in the first half of 1994 as it continued to absorb losses from currency transactions.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

investment vehicle this year as

the stock market collapsed to

record lows, a broker with

Shanghai Zhongnan Securities

said. Volume on the bond mar-

ket has dropped since Monday,

staged a speciacular recovery.

"Investor enthusiasm has

now fully shifted to the stock

market, and strong confidence

helped the index continue rising

today after staggering gains in the past three days," said Yan

Yonglong, a broker with Guo Tai Securities in Shanghai.

Brokers said they expected the market to consolidate after

Thursday's gains.
Shanghai's B share market.

which is reserved for foreign

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consolidate. That market de-

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Show, a Japanese oil refiner and distrib-utor that is 50 percent owned by Royal Dutch/Shell Group, posted current profit of 10.60 billion yen (\$106 million) before taxes, down from 18.27 billion yen in the first half of 1993.

The company said its pretax profit would have been 27.7 billion yen except for losses in the foreign-exchange market. The company said early last year that it had lost 125 billion yen by betting the wrong way on a currency futures contract.

As of the end of June, the company had liquidated positions totaling \$5.4 billion and written off losses of 136.6 billion yen. In the first half of this year, the company said it absorbed 19.3 billion yen in losses at the pretax level.

Showa Shell said it would liquidate \$1.02 billion in outstanding forward contracts to buy dollars and write off losses of 29 billion yen in the second half of the year, which it said would finish its involvement in the currency market a year ahead of schedule.

R.N. Gaskell, vice president, said Showa would offset the currency losses by selling more land. He said the land sales should be accompanied by a tax break.

Mr. Gaskell predicted the company would post a full-year net profit of 13 billion yen.

Company executives said they did not expect the value of the dollar or world oil prices to affect earnings in the second half. Showa Shell's revenue in the first half shipped to 680.8 billion yen from 746.1 billion, led by a fall in gasoline sales. Sales of light oil and kerosene rose.

The continued decline in interest income also pressured profit. First-half in-

terest income fell by about two-thirds, to 1.4 billion yen.

Mr. Gaskell said higher transportation and marketing costs also harmed results.

SEOUL - Goldstar Co.'s plan to acquire Analysts said the acquisition could repeat its telephone-making affiliate, Goldstar Telecommunication Co., is an attempt by the

Goldstar Buyout Has High Hopes

South Korean electronics maker to move from traditional products to the futuristic multimedia business, analysts said.

Directors of both companies decided on the acquisition, which will result in an increase in Goldstar Co.'s paid-in capital to 503.5 billion won (\$627.4 million), on Tuesday. The companies are subsidianies of the Lucky-Goldstar Group, South Korea's third-largest conglomerate. The acquisition must be approved at share-holders' meetings on Sept. 29.

the success of Samsung Electronies Co., the country's largest electronics concern, which merged with its semiconductor-making affiliate five years ago.

That merger is seen as one of the most successful business integrations in Korea's history. Since it took place, Samsung Elec-tronics has become the world's largest memory-chip producer and a global leader in many high-technology fields.

Philippine Investment Firm Sets \$1.5 Billion Expansion

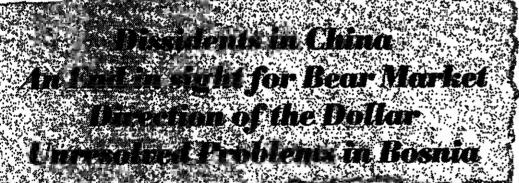
MANILA - Benpres Holdings Corp., the newly incorporated investment firm of the politically powerful Lopez family, on Thursday announced plans for a \$1.5 billion expansion program

over the next five years.

Executives said the company had higher-than-expected net income of 633 million pesos (\$23 million) in the first half of 1994. The profit came primarily from telecommunications and broadcasting banking, movie production and power retailing, which earned 626 million pesos, compared with 400.8 million pesos in 1993. Fifty-four percent of the earnings were contributed by ABS-

CBN, the country's largest broadcast network, which itself reported a 58 percent rise in net profit.

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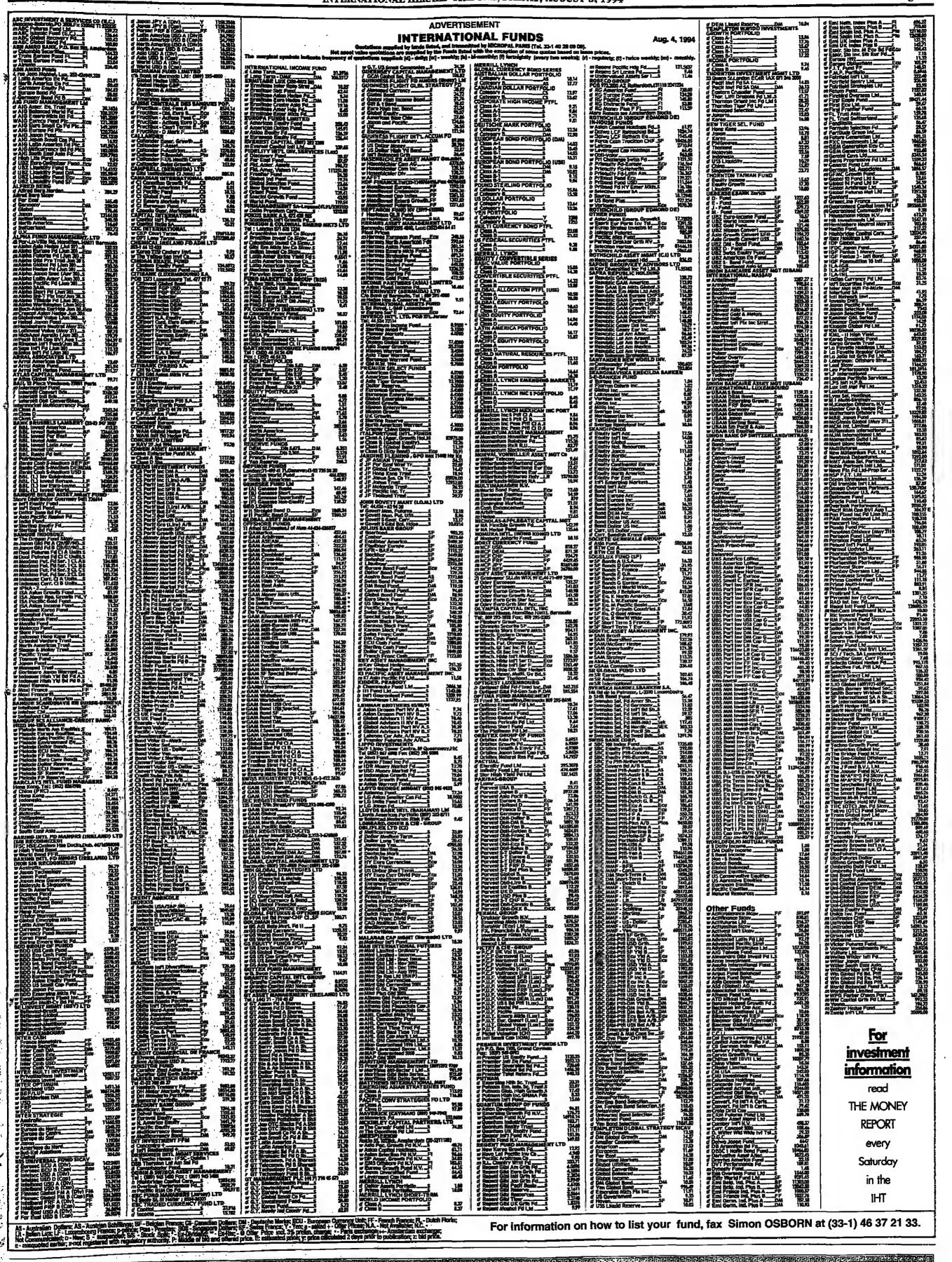
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Pension Caper Puts Good Faith Out of the Game

If the owners of the major league clubs were setting out to find an issue that would further galvanize the players, they hit the proverbial grand slam.

Nearly a month after the players participated in an All-Star Game they traditionally play gratis in return for the clubs' contributions to their pension fund, the players have found that the owners have no intention of making their annual August contribution.

They found out, no less, by mail. On Monday, Aug. 1, the

Vantage Point



due date, less than two days before a full bargaining session that was supposed to be dedicated to dealing with the big-money issue of a salary cap. And less than 11 days before the original strike date

set by the players. So, even though the salary cap was discussed during testy negotiations earlier this week, even though the players handed management a list of written proposals, the lion's share of the time was spent debating the withholding of the \$8 million

pension contribution. The owners say they had a right not to pay it because the collective bargaining agreement expired March 31.

"If the players had intended or wanted to gear the payment of the pension funds to the All-Star Game, then the agreement

would have said that," Richard Ravitch, the owners' chief negotiator, said after the negotiating session Wednesday. "But it didn't say that. And they aren't legally entitled to it."

So it was that the owners tiptoed through a loophole with

the subtlety of a buil elephant, contrary to the precedent they set in 1985. That year, the owners made their Aug. 1 contribu-tion, even though the players threatened to strike Aug. 6 and eventually did for three days.

It's a lot of good faith turned to bad for a sum that would amount to \$285,000 or so per club —approximately the salaries of two and a half rookies. But the owners seem more than willing to ignore history and the fallout from this maneuver. "The issue here remains one single issue," Ravitch said.

"That is the business environment in which this game is being played. The economic forces that have an impact on the game of baseball require a change for the sake of the game." So it was that Ravitch tried to stay on the cap issue. But if he was observant during his news conference, the whole world

had moved on to a new conflagration of the owners' making:

the pension fund. That is where Donald Fehr, the chief of the players union, and his troops were railying. And why not? The owners had handed them an issue guaranteed to draw more sympathy for players than, say, their fight to keep a system that now produces an average player's salary of more than \$1 million a year.

Talk about hot-button issues. Most Americans are sensitive to pension fund and health care issues (the owners' \$8 million was designated for the health and benefit funds of players, coaches, managers and trainers and their families as well as a goodly number of those groups' predecessors). And most people are familiar with the vulnerability of those funds, in light of savings and loan failures and the debate over health care.

Put enough irate players on television talking about health care for their predecessors and the public may come to believe that 28 Michael Milkens are masquerading as owners out there, not lighting millionaire players but trying to bilk widows and orphans as well.

So it is that the fury is high on the players' side, for reasons that are righteous as well as opportunistic.

They believe there's going to be a strike and they want to finance it with the players' money," an irate Mr. Fehr said of

So, the question must be asked: Is this the result the owners were looking for, a shot over the bow, if you will?

If so, it got the players' attention, just as collusion did. But, if you remember, collusion, which reaped immediate benefits

for the clubs, later rose up and bit the owners, in the form of millions of dollars in fines and a reinvigorated union that went on to win at the bargaining table in 1990.

Now, only time will tell if this latest maneuver reaps a

similar whirlwind.



Cincinnati's Barry Larkin slides safely into homeplate as San Francisco's catcher, Kirt Manwaring, juggles the ball.

Red-Hot Yankees Win and Clinch 'First'

With uncertainty the norm, one thing is certain: If the season stops on or before Aug. 12, the Yankees will be in first place. The Yankees became the first team to assure themselves of being in the lead on the players' original Aug. 12 strike deadline with a 2-1 victory Wednesday over the Brewers in Milwaukee.

The game was called after 71/2 innings

due to a rainstorm.

New York's sixth straight victory improved its record to 17-3 since the All-Star break and increased its lead in the AL East to nine games over the Baltimore Orioles. After the Yankees won their eighth in a row on the road, Don Mattingly said:

"We're just playing the best baseball we can, day in and day out." Sterling Hitchcock pitched a strong game for New York after escaping a jam in the fourth inning and protected a 2-1 lead through seven innings. Bob Wickman came out to start the eighth, but the down-

pour beat his first pitch. After a 68-minute rain delay, the game was called. It was a move that irked the

They have a 2-1 lead, but we have two at-bats against them," said Jody Reed, who had two of the five hits off Hitchcock. "We're feeling pretty confident we can get something done against them and the game's over. Do you think we'd be walking out of here if the Brewers were leading 2-

Angel Miranda, the losing pitcher for the Brewers, allowed four hits, but two of them were solo home runs.

Jim Leyritz hit his 17th in the fourth and Randy Velarde connected for his 9th in the

Royals 9, Athletics 5: Kansas City extended baseball's longest winning streak this season to 12 games by defeating Oakland at home.

The Royals haven't lost since dropping a 5-2 decision to Detroit on July 22.

Bob Hamelin broke Bo Jackson's club rookie record with his 23d home run for the Royals, whose only longer winning streak was a 16-game run in 1977.

Hamelin's two-run homer chased Bobby Witt in the fifth and broke the record Jackson set in 1987.

Troy Neel homered for Oakland, which has lost five straight. Jose DeJesus allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings.

AL ROUNDUP

Indians 7, Tigers 4: The Indians, aided by an error by Detroit pitcher Tim Belcher, scratched out four runs in the fourth inning before Sandy Alomar's eighth-inning homer clinched the victory in Cleveland.

Beicher missed the bag with his foot while covering first on Paul Sorrento's grounder to Cecil Fielder. The error loaded the bases, and the Indians — who had already scored once in the inning on Manny Ramirez's RBI single — added three more for a 5-1 lead.

Alomar finished Belcher with his tworun shot in the eighth, his 13th.

Charles Nagy gave up four runs, one unearned, and 10 hits in seven innings. Jeff Russell struck out the side in the ninth for his 17th save.

Twins 4, Orioles 3: Scott Leius's two-out RBI single capped a two-run minth off Lee Smith as Minnesota, playing at home, destreak.

Alex Cole led off the ninth with a pinch single against Smith and moved to second when Kirby Puckett walked on four pitches. After Shane Mack sacrificed, Chip Hale followed with a pinch-hit sacrifice fly to tie it at 3. Kent Hrbek was walked intentionally and Leius followed with a single to left-center, scoring Puckett with the win-

It was the 6th blown save in 38 opportunities for Smith. Kevin Tapani pitched his

fourth complete game of the season, allowing seven hits.

Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 2: In Boston, Tom Brunansky hit a two-run homer to cap a six-run fifth, and Tim Van Egmond pitched

7½ strong innings to beat Toronto.

Tim 'Nachring had three RBIs for the Red Sox, who sent 10 batters to the plate in the fifth. The victory allowed Boston to break a third-place tie with Toronto in the

VanEgmond, who got his first major league victory Friday at Milwaukee, allowed two runs and eight hits in his seventh major league start. Al Leiter allowed six runs and six hits in four-plus innings. Rangers 11. White Sox 8: Jose Canseco homered twice and Rusty Greer brought in-

the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning as the Rangers railied to defeat Chicago in Arlington, Texas.

Canseco's 31st homer tied it at 8 in the seventh for the Rangers, who battled back

from a 7-2 deficit. He added a two-run

double in the eighth. The loss trimmed Chicago's lead in the AL Central to 1½ games over Cleveland and 3 games over surging Kansas City. Frank Thomas hit his 37th homer for the White Sox.

Mariness 8, Angels 4: In Anaheim, Cali-fornia, Jay Buhner and Edgar Martinez each homered for the second straight game and Ken Griffey Jr. drove in three runs in

Dave Fleming improved his career record at Anaheim Stadium to 5-0, allowing three runs and stadium to 5-0, innings. The left-hander has a 2.38 ERA in his five starts at the stadium.

Griffey, who struck out his first two times up against Mark Langston, hit a sacrifice fly and a two-run single to cap Seattle's four-run sixth inning, which

chased Langston.
Chili Davis homered for the Angels who dropped their eighth straight at home.

Astros Move Up Stopping Rockies, As Braves Lose

Two ninth-inning rallies 2,800 miles apart moved Hous-Braves, and a game closer to the wild-card berth, as the Astros won, 2-1, over the visiting Colorado Rockies.

None of that would matter right now if this were a normal season, but with the threat of a strike hanging over them, teams

NL ROUNDUP

have been playing like it's the last week of September.

The victory moved the Astros 2½ games behind the Braves, who lost, 3-2, to New York when the Meets of the Tinch

in the bottom of the ninth. Luis Gonzalez singled off Bruce Ruffin with one out in the ninth inning. One out and one walk later, Andujar Cedeno lined a single to left and Gonza-lez scored as Mike Kingery's throw to the plate drifted into foul territory.

Colorado, which was a halfgame out of first place exactly one week ago, lost for the fifth time in six games and dropped 3½ games behind Los Angeles in the NL West.

Mets 3, Braves 2: In New York, the Braves' bullpen blew its 13th save of the season, as New York one upped Atlanta. Jeff Kent walked to open the minth and went to third on Da-

vid Segui's hit-and-run single. Rico Brogna then hit a one-

over the shortstop's head to end

pos, playing at home, won their sixth straight game and opened up the biggest divisional lead of the season in the NL East — 5% games, by downing St. Louis. . Gil Heredia shut out the Cardinals on four hits over seven

Lenny Webster, Sean Berry ton a game closer to the Atlanta and Moises Alou had solo home runs, and Larry Walker had three doubles — increasing his NL lead to 43 — as Montreal won for the 14th time in 15

Reds 17, Giants 4: In a shig-fest in San Francisco, Kevin Mitchell had a career-high five hits and five RBIs, Bret Boone had four hits and scored five times, Brian Hunter had four RBIs, John Roper (6-1) allowed two runs on two hits in six m-nings and Cincinnati pounded out 23 hits to crush the home team Giants.

Jacob Brumfield and Boone started the game with back-toback homers off Bud Black.

Padres 4, Dodgers 2: Eddie Williams tripled in the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth after Tony Gwynn, the major league's leading hitter at 391, opened the inning with a double, giving San Diego the victory in Los Angeles.

The Padres got another run on a suicide squ Andy Ashby broke a personal five-game losing streak, allowing eight hits in eight innings while striking out six.

Phillies 7, Pirates 0: In Philadelphia, Danny Jackson pitched his 14th career shutout in a six-hitter in which he struck out seven and did not walk a

batter to defeat Pittsburgh. Ricky Jordan homered and drove in three runs for the Phil-

hop single up the middle, tying the score, 2-2, and extending his hitting streak to 12 games.

After Mark Wohlers relieved Greg McMichael, Jose Vizcaino, pinch-hitting for Kelly Stimnett, lined a two-out single Kurt Abbott added an RBI-

double later in the inning, giving the Marlins an insurance Expos 8, Cardinals 3: The Ex- . run they ended up needing.

Rich Scheid pitched 11/2 innings for the victory and Robb Nen got his 13th save in 13 opportunities despite allowing a ninth-inning solo homer to

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U.S. Bowls Vie for Top Game

U.S. college conference commissioners are expected to announce Thursday the creation of a three-part football coalition intended to greatly increase the chances of a nationcould be for a three- or a six-year term, starting in 1996.

The commissioners were choosing from among the Sugar, Orange, Fiesta, Gator and Cotton Bowls. The three winners will rotate the hoped-for annual face-off between the nation's No. 1- and No. 2-ranked teams. The games will most likely be played Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 2.

About 65 to 70 percent of the bowls' financial offers are backed by television. According to reports, the Fiesta's six-year offer is worth \$118 million, the Gator \$116 million, the Sugar \$108 million, the Orange \$105 million and the Cotton \$100 million.

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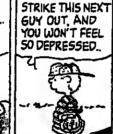


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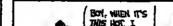
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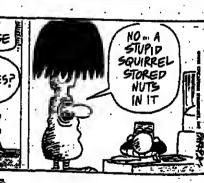




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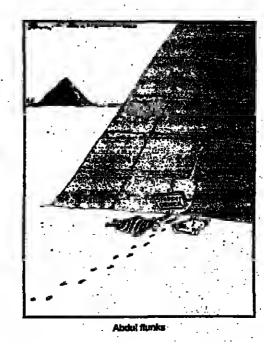






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Vikings' quarterback Warren Moon, getting ready for the Kansas City Chiefs.

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TOKYO - Exactly 25 years ago this year... man first landed on the moon, and the Vikings made their first appearance in the Super Bowl, against the Kansas City Chiefs:

And, Sunday in the NFL American Bowl the Vikings have dubbed "The Super Bowl IV Rematch in Tokyo," Minnesota will be going against the Chiefs again.

Their quarterback? Moon, of course. War-

According to Moon, the Vikings are hoping to do a little better this time than they did in Super Bowl IV, which the Chiefs won, 23-7. "We've come this far, we don't want to lose," he said Thursday. "But they're a formi-dable opponent, a Super Bowl contender, and I think it will be a good game."

Both teams arrived in Tokyo Wednesday, and held light workouts Thursday morning in temperatures in the high 30s Centigrade (90s Fahrenheit).

Moon, who played in Tokyo in the 1992 American Bowl, made his debut with the Vikings in their exhibition season opener against the Dallas Cowboys last Sunday. He stayed in only one quarter, hit four of his seven passes, and watched the Vikings lose, 17-9.

Tokyo has hosted the National Football League in American Bowls each year since 1989. All have been sold out or nearly so, with attendance generally around 50,000 — even though the highest price tickets run at around 20,000 yen, or \$200.

The first time we came here we were astonished by the enthusiasm of the Japanese fans," said Joe Montana, the Chiefs' quarterback, who played in Tokyo's inaugural American Bowl for the San Francisco 49ers. "But this time it's even greater, if that's

NFL Looks at Japanese Market

The NFL is considering setting up a professional football league in Japan, the league's commissioner, Paul Tagliabue, said Thursday, according to The Associated Press in Tokyo.

Tagliabue, who is in Japan for the American Bowl game said the NFL and Japanese companies are currently discussing plans to establish the league.

"After five years of American Bowls here I think we can see a potential for interest," he said. "It would be something created especially for Japan."

Tagliabue said the Japan league would not be part of the World League of American Football, a joint venture between the NFL and the Fox broadcasting network that has teams in the United States, Canada and Eo-

Talks are still in the early stage, he added, and no timetable has been set.

No Early Walkout, Baseball Players Decide

NEW YORK — Baseball players decided Thursday to stick to their Aug. 12 strike deadline rather than walk out im-

Angered by owners' refusal to make a pension payment of about \$7.8 million, the executive board of the Major League Baseball Players' Association spoke by

telephone Thursday to consider chang-ing the union's Aug. 12 strike deadline. "It could be tomorrow. It could be on the 12th. It could be after," Brett Botler, the Los Angeles Dodgers player repre-sentative, said on Wednesday night, as talk of an imminent walkout swept through major league ballparks.

staff were incensed during a contentious

the Aug. I payment, about one-seventh of the \$57 million annual contribution under the deal that expired in March.

"They're upset. There's a great deal of dissatisfaction," said Jeff Montgomery. the Kansas City Royals' player representative, adding that some of his teammates favored an immediate walkout.

to walk immediately if the union called cause they appeared in the All-Star game for it, and CNN reported that three or last month, but some wondered whether four other teams also pushed for an the deadline could be changed. immediate strike

Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich said Donald Febr, the union leader, and his but said nothing substantive. volved in the to taff were incensed during a contentious "We will do everything we possibly can to be cautious."

has indicated that. I have indicated that time dido't get through this whole sea-They have to want to go to the bargaining son," Clinton said. table. They've got to indicate that they in

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eral counsel, called management's decision to skip the payment "the dastardly deed." Chicago Cubs' players said they voted Players say they are owed the money be-

During a White House news conference Wednesday night, President Clinthe government was willing to be helpful ton said the government could get involved in the tense talks but he wanted

2½-hour bargaining session. Players were to get the players and the owners to the angry, too, after owners failed to make bargaining table," he said. "The president the American people if our oational pas-

"There may be some other things which can be done, but at this time the situation is sufficiently delicate that I think we need to leave it at that," he

Clinton said he hoped there would not be a work stoppage.

"I mean, the prospect of seeing records that are 30 and 40 years old hroken for those of us who like the offensive as well as the defensive side of baseball I mean this is an exhilarating thing," he said. "And it's a great opportunity for these young players and what they can

16 Teams Go for Basketball Gold

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Pool B features Croatia,

Australia was hurt the by the

Cuba is an unknown team and

South Korea just doesn't have

Games' figure skating got under way Thursday 24 World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, hours late as the ice rink was rescued by a oew will take on Oliver McCall in London on Sept.

cooling technology used in the Russian subway 24. A champion by default, the London-born system. The U.S women's basketball team ad- Lewis inherited his title after Riddick Bowe, who

vanced to the semifinals Saturday against China, had won three titles from Evander Holyfield in after beating Italy, 92-37. In men's gymnastics, 1992, dumped the WBC belt in a trash can rather Alexei Nemov of Russia and Grigory Misyutin of than accept a mandatory defense against Lewis.

Ukraine tied for first place in two of three events. Lewis said he looking ahead to a fight with Bowe.

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The U.S. team is the prohibisome people.

"Of course, the gold medal is already booked for the USA team and I suppose I accept that" said Manual Saint the that," said Manuel Sainz, the coach of Spain, the opening opponent for Dream Team II here

on Thursday night. "But as a sportsman it disturbs me that those who fore- of the Boston Celtics. cast an American victory inelude the tournament decision of 7-foot-2 Luc Longorganizers who have already ley of the Bulls to remain home penciled in "USA" instead of for the birth of his child, but it's still good second to the burners Pool A."

That is true. The distributed schedules have "United States" right through to the semifinal

SIDELINES

The field is broken up into Fox of the Celtics leading the dome.

Games' Ice Rink Rescued

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) - The Goodwill

Russia was a disappointment in the recent Goodwill Games, finishing fourth, and Argentina has been inconsistent. Angola is fun to watch, but is

no medal threat. Puerto Rico is an experienced team, which won the gold medal at the Goodwill Games, and has indicated it would like oothing more than a shot at the U.S. team.

Germany was supposed to be a legitimate threat here, but will play without the services of Detlef Schrempf and Christian

Greece is usually one of Europe's hest, but the team changed coaches in the last two weeks and the relationship between the players and the gov-erning federation has been straiged. Egypt would he thrilled to finish in the top 12.

The semifinals and finals are Canada is solid with Rick slated for Aug. 13-14 at the Sky-

Lewis-McCall Fight Date Set

NEW YORK (NYT) - Lennox Lewis, the



Reggie Miller, shooting free throws during the U.S. team practice in Toronto before the opening game with Spain.

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OBSERVER

Keys to the 'Forrest'

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — In response to the pleas of many baffled people, here is a digest of a few of the more trenchant passages in my "Key to the Inner Meaning of 'Forrest Gump.'"

I. What the feather tells us: The common interpretation arises from the feather's long history as a symbol for lightness. Appearing at the very beginning of the film, it seems to be a device for letting the more cerebral reviewers know they might as well go see another movie since "Forrest Gump" will simply be light entertainment unlikely to enrich their

grasp of the meaning of things. This too-glih explanation ig-nores the salient fact that we do oot know what kind of feather we are seeing. Chicken feather? Sparrow feather? Ostrich feath-

er? We cannot tell. Why? Because this feather we are seeing has no parentage in either fowl kingdom or bird land. It is the ideal feather. which, as Plato ootes, can exist only in the mind. What we are looking at is not a feather, but the idea of feather existent only in each moviegoer's mind.

2. Why Forrest drinks too much Dr Pepper while visiting President Kennedy: Cultural historians tell us that in the Southland of Forrest's childhood Dr Pepper was marketed as a healthful heverage, as something good for you, very much the way jogging is mar-keted everywhere oowadays.

By downing bottle after bot-tle at the White House, with its bottomless supply, Forrest is illuminating his profound desire for good health. And what lies behind this desire? Forcest may not know the Latin for it, but he obviously knows that ancient wisdom prescribes "a sound mind in a sound body."

Thus he clearly and poignantly hopes that the sound body that will result from Dr Pepper might be accompanied by the improved soundness of mind necessary to make him a more romantic figure to the adventuress Jennie,

3. Who is Lieutenant Dan? Kutzall and Hammerhung,

The Village Kvetch's caniankerous analysts of movie meanings, have muddied the intellectual waters here with their monograph, "Shaman and Shivaree: Jungian Avatars in 'Forrest Gump.'

Their assertion that Lieutenant Dan is a symbolic representation of Marlon Brando in "Apocalypse Now" simply doesn't hold water. The two of them have obviously never heard of "Moby Dick" and rage-filled Captain Ahab cursing God (thinly disguised as a white whale) for tearing off his leg.

Are we not describing Lieutenant Dan to a T as he sits at the top of the storm-tossed shrimp boat cursing God for blowing off both his legs?

Lieutenant Dan is Captain Ahah Once we grasp this fact we are on our way into the dark inoer meaning of "Forrest

4. Who is Forrest Gump? I wrestled with this one for several sleepless nights. "If Lieu-tenant Dan is Captain Ahab," I said to myself, "then Forrest Gump has to be Ishmael because Forrest is telling Lieutenant Dan's story just as Ishmael was telling Captain Ahab's."

But this was too easy, too obvious, too glih. It wasn't deep enough. It wasn't meaningful enough, and movies without an amplitude of meaningfulness are hard for me to tolerate.

The answer leapt out at me while I was watching a video-tape of "Gunga Din" and marveling at how the Aristotelian ethics of Cary Grant's character meshed so naturally with Victor McLaglen's Bismarckian leadership, thus illustrating the Gre-co-Teutonic symbiosis on which British colonial imperialism was built.

I was watching Abner Biber-man run (vainly) for his life when - but of course! - it was as plain as Forrest's incessant running. Ishmael didn't run, he swam. Forrest Gump isn't Ishmacl. He's O. J. Simpson.

Austria's Literati Left Puzzled by 'Ripper'

By Rick Atkinson

Washington Paul Service

VIENNA — To the Viennese case intellectuals who pulled him from prisoo and embraced him as one of their own, Jack Unterweger was proof positive that bad boys can become good men. He was their reclamation project, their social experiment, their civilized barbarian.

He was a crook who had come to terms with his own criminality, a murderer whose homicidal impulses had been channeled into the salutary act of

But to the police and, ultimately, to a jury, Unterweger was a monster. He was this country's most notorious serial killer, an Austrian Jack the Ripper who — even as he was being lionized by Vienna's literati — strangled at least nine women, including three in Los Angeles.

And when it was over, hours after an Austrian court had procounced him guilty on June 28, the jailhouse bard who was so good with knots braided his shoelaces into a noose and hanged himself.

Once again he had left behind no evidence, no

suicide note, nothing except a lifeless body and the echo of the impassioned plea of innocence he delivered at the end of a two-month trial.

This time, however, not even his lawyer was huying it. "The jury said he was guilty. And I helieve it was a fair trial," the attorney, Hans-Jürgen Lehofer, said in a recent interview.

Unterweger was born in August 1950, son of an Austrian mother and an American GI. The father vanished before the haby was born; the mother abandoned him when he was 2 to an alcoholic grandfather in rural Austria. He grew up tough and illiterate, supporting himself through petty thievery

and pimping.

In December 1974 he abducted and murdered 18year-old Margret Schafer. The court sentenced him

But in Stein Prison, he flourished. He learned to read and became a voracious reader. He learned to write and became a prolific writer, of poetry and short stories, plays and a novel. Much of his scribbling was autohiographical, a vent for rage and resentment. His "Endstation Zuchthaus" (Terminus Prison) won an Austrian literary prize io 1984; his "Fegefeuer" (Purgatory) became a best-seller and

was made into a successful film.

Several prominent Austrian writers and prisoo reformists took up his cause with support from the literary organization PEN.

The case had eerie parallels to that of Jack Henry Ahbott, a convicted American killer-turned-author whose cause was taken up by Norman Mailer. Short-ly after Ahbott was released from jail in 1981, he killed again.
With Uoterweger, however, the risk seemed mini-

mal. When he was paroled on May 23, 1990, the prison warden observed, "We will oever find a prisoner so well prepared for freedom." Those who knew him best still harbored some

skepticism. "Jack doesn't like literature." Willi Hengstler, the filmmaker who directed "Fegefeuer."



Jack Unterweger: murder spree, then suicide. told the British newspaper The Guardian, "Jack doesn't like writers. Jack doesn't like anything. Jack

The murder spree began in September 1990, four months after his release from prison. A Czech prosti-tute, Blanka Bockova, was strangled with her underwear at a time when Unterweger was in Prague researching an article on the city's red-light district. Seven other killings in Austria followed over the oext six months, all prostitutes, all garroted with

Unterweger was a suspect, but there was virtually co proof tying him to the crimes, no witnesses, no

forensic evidence. Io the summer of 1991, Unterweger traveled to
Los Angeles to write about prostitution in Southern

California, During the five weeks of his visit, three prostitutes were strangled with their bras.

The circle mexorably closed. Interpol and Los
Angles detectives deduced that the three California homicides coincided precisely with Unterweger's trip. In February 1992 the Graz police issued an arrest warrant and raided Unterweger's apartment. He was gone. After fleeing to Switzerland with his 18-year-old girlfriend, Bianca Mrak, Unterweger made his way to Paris and then to Mainten.

Mrak got a job as a nude dancer and bought a mattress and a used typewriter. After a string of credit card receipts, agents from the U.S. Marshal's office arrested Uniterweger in Miami Beach in late February. On May 27 he was extradited to Austra.

By the time the trial opened this April, the investigative file had grown to nearly 20,000 pages. Unterweger was charged with 11 killings, including the three in Los Angeles, a long-distance prosecution permissible under Austrian law.

Yet the prosecution's case hung, literally, hy a hair. Two years after the 1990 killing in Prague of Bockova, the police had begun looking for the car Unterweger drove at the time of the murder. They found the old BMW in a junkyard and in the car discovered seven hairs. Extensive DNA tests were performed on the hairs.

A Swiss DNA expert testified that four of the hairs were Unterweger's, while the other three — with 99.96 percent certainty — matched Bockova's genetic fingerprint. Even those convinced of Uoterweger's guilt find it perplexing that an 11-year-old car with at least four owners was found in a junkyard with such a conveniently tidy package of evi-

Other evidence was largely circumstantial or in-Uoterweger lacked a plausible alibi for any of the

11 murders.
In his own closing argument, Unterweger pleaded, "I implore you, even if you are disgusted by Jack Unterweger's way of life, to think whether that's enough to say, 'He doesn't deserve to live in free-dom.'"

The eight-member jury was unpersuaded. After nune hours of deliberation, the verdict was rendered. Unterweger was led to his cell. At 3 A. M. on June 29, the defendant was lying quietly on his cot. Forty minutes later he was found dead. As one Austrian

"Every day he said to me, "If I'm found guilty I'll kill myself," Lehofer said. "I didn't believe him."
Those who befriended him are left to mult over a cautionary tale of good intentions gone awry. "For a while it was chic to listen to the convicted murderer who had turned good," one writer observed in the daily Die Presse. "But not many of those who supported him then like to talk about it now." Lehofer finds himself still puzzling through the

mysteries of psychosis.
"If Uoterweger was guilty, he was a sick man. Do you understand? To kill without a reason must be sick. Many medical experts talked to him and they all said he was not insane. But they also said he wouldn't commit snicide."

"His victims were not people he knew, not girl-friends or acquaintances. He killed strangers, wom-en he'd known for only five minutes, prostitutes." Then, with a slight smile, the lawyer added, "If he killed them, I mean."

WEEKEND DESTINATIONS

PEOPLE

A Coy Howard Stern Drops Political Bid

Raunchy radio host Howard Stern has dropped his bid to become governor of New York saying he will not comply with state laws requiring him to disclose his earnings and total wealth. Stern, always ready to discuss his sex life (as well as anybody's else's), said his personal finances were no one's . business but his own.

Although the 25th anniversary concert planned for the site val has been called off, officials in Sullivan County, New York, are taking no chances. Fearing thousands will flock to the Max Yasgar farm in Bethel anyway, county officials say they will deploy police officers as originally planned for the weekend of Ang. 13 and 14. They will also keep the \$200,000 paid by the promoters for the services of state troopers. A bigger reunion concert, in nearby Saugerties, is still scheduled to open Aug. 12.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother turned 94 on Thursday to the cheers of hundreds of well-wishers outside her London home. Children lined up to present the mother of Elizabe II with bouquets, cards and pifts, each one getting a polite "Thank you" and a smile as ladies in-waiting and equerries piled up the gifts.

Four mathematicians, including three researchers work-ing in Paris, have been awarded Fields medals, the most prestirieds metals, in mathematics.
The winners were Jean Bousgain, 40, of the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques in Paris, Pierre-Louis Lions, 38, of the University of Paris-Dauphi-ne, Jean-Christophe Yoccoz, 37, of the University of Paris-Sud and Efim Isaakovich Zelmanov, 38, of the University of Wiscon-

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